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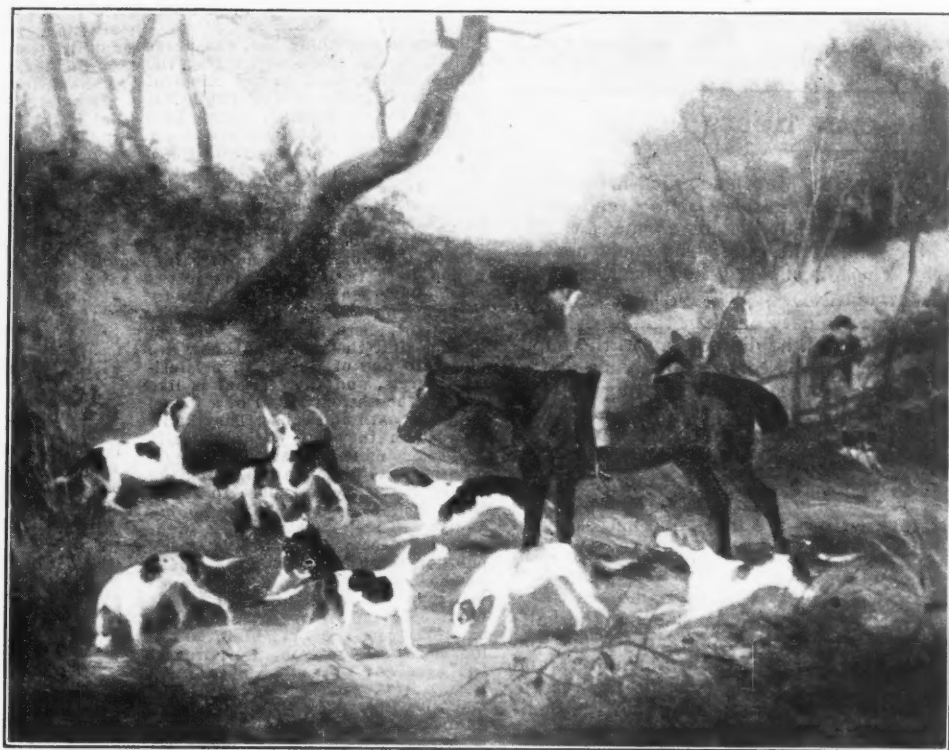
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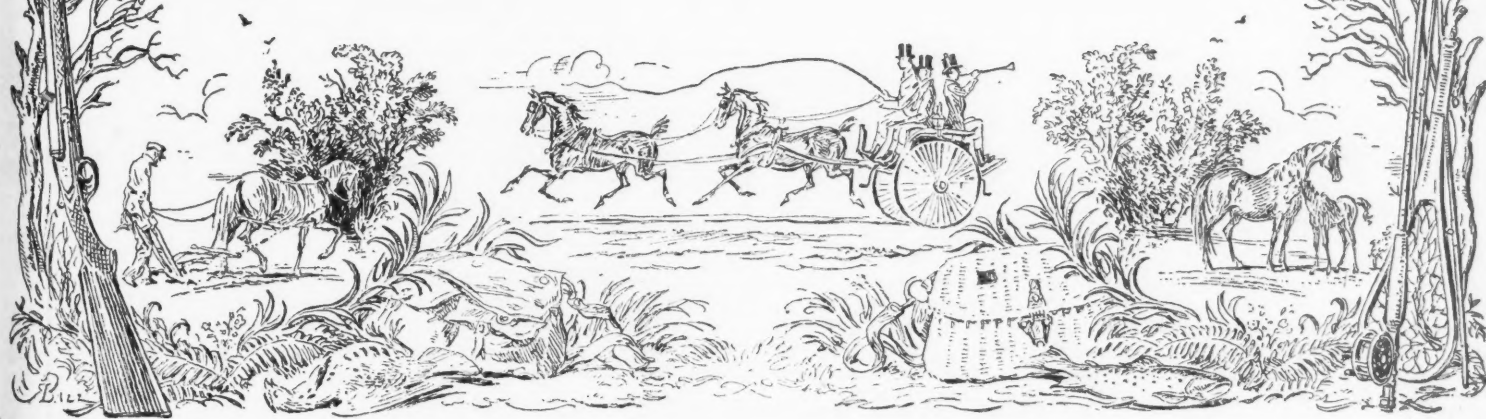
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## NO PRIMA DONNAS—JUST TIMBER HORSES

Nine horses going postward in The Maryland; nine horses with amateur riders up; nine horses before a hillside full to overflowing; nine horses and not a great racehorse in the lot as measured by standards other than The Maryland Hunt Cup. One could not say that about any other race but The Maryland and not be faced with libel by nine irate owners, but The Maryland is different.

It was interesting to hear one trainer complain that there were no race horses in the race, and, although he did not say it, the implication was plain, it would be a poor race by comparison. As a matter of fact, as it turned out, it was one of the most interesting races to watch from a spectator's standpoint of any Maryland. Until the flag fell,—in fact until Mrs. Bliss Flaccus' Number 12 went up on the board,—the issue was always in doubt. There may have been horses of reputedly more quality, more glamor or whatever it takes to make a great racehorse, but there has seldom been a Maryland with so many twists that the short story writers are told is so necessary to make a good story.

What was so very good about this Maryland was the very fact that the field was a thoroughly well qualified group of horses to go the course. Their average age was 10, the youngest being the half-bred mare Carolina, the oldest, 14, being Stuart Janney's fine old hunter, Dusky Stranger. In short, this group were all hunters and they all ran well, the winner being only 13 seconds off the record. They were natural horses for a successful Maryland and if the quality was off from that of a Navigator, a Blockade, a Billy Barton or an Oracle II, it was still the same type of hunting horse that has made the Maryland Cup famous. If the truth were known, it was probably more nearly to the original type of field that ran the course during the years when such great riders as Jervis Spencer with Gary Owen were making racing history; Redmond Stewart was riding Landslide and Plunkett Stewart was winning with the Squire. Proof again that good hunting hunters can make a good Maryland Hunt Cup Race.

To go back a minute and look at the field by glancing down the program; Big Mike, 9 years old, was last year a hunter and show horse. After a year with Burling Cocks, he can run and jump with the best of them. In fact after watching his performance at the Little Grand National, he is about as good a moving horse as can be seen racing over timber this year. In The Maryland as at Middleburg, he just grew sulky. Hobo II came from Fort Robinson as a hunter prospect at the age of 5, purchased by the late Jack Strawbridge and Robert Tindle. He was sold to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Stewart as a hunter and possible Maryland prospect. He might well have won this year, his first outing over big jumps, as he was full of run. Carolina's antecedents are unknown. She is just a good jumping mare. Clifton's Dan is good Virginia jumping blood, bred at Dr. L. M. Allen's Clifton Farm, by \*Dan 4th—Song Blue, now an 11-year-old hunter of Mrs. William F. Cochran, Jr.'s. Harry Straus bred Darkofthemoon, a half-brother to the noted race horses New Moon and Quarter Moon, just retired to stud. He tried this horse, found him wanting in speed, turned him to jumping. Bomber, a 14-year-old from Texas whom Mr. Secor brought to Maryland last year to hunt, pedigree unknown, has a great deal of jump, not overly much hunting manners. He gave Jay Secor a good ride in his 3rd race across country. Peterski, perhaps the horse with the most foot,

(he worked a 1¼ miles in Aiken last year in 2:10), was bred by E. Q. McVitty and made into a high school horse. Retired now, after winning The Maryland, he will go into stud duties.

The last two in this list, Dusky Stranger and Curwick Tim are good Maryland hunters whose qualifications for The Maryland have been long careers over Maryland timber fences behind hounds. This was The Maryland field. There need be no better fields to continue to make this race the greatest amateur classic in America. The riders need no introduction. They are all died in the wool sportsmen, and the winner, Mikie Smithwick, was keen enough to walk the 4 miles 5 times before he climbed aboard Peterski, even though it was not his first time in the race. Such enthusiasm and such good horsemanship as displayed throughout the afternoon means a lot more good Marylands in years to come, with or without the prima donnas, which may or may not break the records to make the history.

## Letters To The Editor

## Mists and Legends

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith an editorial which was written by Mr. Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution.

As I have been a fox hunter a great many years, this editorial impressed me very deeply. I carry a copy of it in my wallet and read it every now and then.

I thought it would be of interest to a great many of your readers who are old fox hunters. I am a regular subscriber to your magazine. I hope you will reprint it because I really believe it will be of much interest to many of your subscribers.

J. S. Slicer

There is something lost, and never found, in the ritual of hunting the fox. It is lost back in the mists of time and legends of the Druids. It is there in the mocking, leering face of the fox. The Irish, who are closer to the secrets of the ancient times than most peoples, know that it is very unwise indeed to trust a woman whose face is shaped like that of the fox. There are men, cold men, who know only to work and never to dream, to whom the sound of a fox-hound pack in full cry is just a noise. And such men think unkindly of men who waste their time out in the night, listening to a lot of hounds. But the men who know are closer to one of the great, mysterious secrets, and their ritual is like that of the ancient ritual of a lodge, bound of oath and cause. They know that when they are out on a cold night or morning, and the bugle mouths of the hounds are riding the winds, that they are close to something lost and never to be found, as one can feel something in a great poem or dream. Some lost, atavistic emotion comes back with the mouth of the hounds. It is such as one receives in the smell of wood smoke on a cold day, carrying some lost emotion from the fires of forgotten lodges, or maybe from first fires in the caves of the stone ages when man first began to deal with fear and with fire, and to write his name and scratch his pictures on the walls with charcoal and colored clays.

That is why the fox is hunted by men in overalls and by men in red coats. They cannot tell you why, but they hunt the fox because it brings them close to a lost emotion.

## Red and Grey Foxes

Editor's Note: Due to the interest aroused recently by J. Simpson Dean's letter on red and grey foxes, The Chronicle wrote to William G. Sheldon of Cornell University at the suggestion of Henry Fairfield Osborne of the New York Zoological Society. Mr. Sheldon has done much research on red and grey foxes and his comments upon the possibility of their mating help to clear up this controversial issue.

Dear Sir:

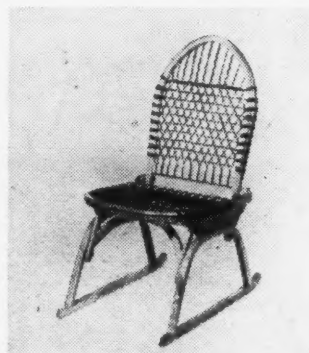
In answer to your letter of March 22nd, I have never found an authentic record of grey and red foxes crossing. Both belong to the dog family (canidae) but are placed in two different genera because of the great differences in coat, skull characters etc. I think it is very doubtful if these foxes have ever crossed in the wild state in spite of their superficial resemblance. It is probable a mating could be induced in captivity, but the resulting hybrid would very likely prove sterile because of the generic differences. Successful crosses have been made between the English red fox and our own where both belong to the genus Vulpes but are different species.

If the short account above is not complete enough to satisfy your subscribers, don't hesitate to write further.

In my intensive work in this region on red and grey foxes I have encountered one phenomenon which is of particular interest to me and would appreciate any comments some of your readers might have. In contrast to the red fox which is comparatively uniform in its breeding season, I have found the grey fox on occasion still carrying pups well into the summer and nursing as late as the end of August. I do not know whether this erratic breeding season is found in this fox only here in the more northern limits of its range. Therefore, any accurate exact records of the dates when greys have whelped, been found pregnant or nursing would be information I would appreciate.

Very truly yours,

William G. Sheldon.

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## Valley Forge Farm Hunter Trials

**Tanahmerah Outstanding Performer  
In Green Class With General Lyman;  
Carmaide Awarded Conformation Honors**

### Dot Kilty

A perfect setting combined with a perfect spring day made the 6th annual Valley Forge Farm Hunter Trials held on Sunday, April, 18 at Valley Forge, Pa., something to be remembered by both exhibitor and spectator. The trials are held each year on the estate of Mrs. James R. Tindle and are for the benefit of Paoli Troop No. 1 B. S. A.

The 1 1/4-mile course starts in a lovely meadow, crosses a creek into a wooded section, goes down a dirt road, over a bridge and out into the open again across the fields and fin-

ishes in the meadow. The fences consist of an aiken, stone wall, gate, chicken coop (with an abrupt turn on the landing side to miss a wheat field), logs with a drop on the landing side, stake bound, and post and rails. Some of the fences are a little trappy and a couple of the hills are a little steep which all goes to make a good fair test for a hunter. This year the Boy Scouts added a permanent ring of English sheep hurdle fence to this beautiful meadow of blue grass turf. The ring was used for the children's classes and the

hunter hack class and was used as a paddock for the other classes. Spectators were parked on the hill overlooking the ring and what a lovely sight it was to see the horses starting across the meadow, crossing the creek and galloping along the far side.

Rustic II, owned and ridden by Miss Betty June Behney was pinned champion. Mrs. Frank Clark's Andy Rainstorm was reserve. Rustic II annexed the blue in the ladies' class to win the James R. Tindle Memorial Challenge Trophy. This nice go-



Mrs. James R. Tindle presents the James R. Tindle Memorial Trophy for ladies' hunters to Miss Betty June Behney, owner of Rustic II as Robert M. Tindle looks on. (V. Orr Photo)

ing daughter of Gordon Russell also teamed with R. M. Tindle's Lobo and Mrs. John Strawbridge, Jr.'s Bootie to win the hunt team class. Many people mistook Rustic for Right For'ard, owned by Mrs. Behney. They are full brother and sister and there is a close resemblance.

Andy Rainstorm won the working hunter class over a field of 36 and was in the second hunt team with Mrs. Arthur Hanna's The Rabbit and Miss Helen Penneck's Chestnut Lad.

Tanahmerah, that flashy grey



Gen. Charles B. Lyman was an owner-rider at the Valley Forge Hunter Trials on his Tanahmerah. The good going grey won the green hunter class. (Freudy P.)

## Portmaker Champion At Chevy Chase Show In Initial Outing

### Conrad Shamel

Two top-flight conformation horses—Dr. and Mrs. Alvin I. Kay's Portmaker and Miss Barbara Jo Shipley's Flint—engaged in close competition for top hunter honors at the Chevy Chase Hunter Show, Chevy Chase, Md. on April 18. Portmaker earned the tri-color with 11 1/2 points while Flint was reserve with 9 1-2.

With four blues in four classes,

with a million dollars worth of manners and ability, owned by Gen. and Mrs. Charles B. Lyman walked off with the green class and the hunter hack as if he did it every day of his life. Gen. Lyman was in the saddle.

The children's classes were well-filled with a good many good ponies as well as horses. Reno Tatoo, owned by Dr. and Mrs. Buller and ridden by Carter Buller won the children's hunter. This bold going-strong mare is learning how fast and is certainly a credit to her sire, Koodoo. Charles Lyman rode his Scamp to 2nd place. In the children's hack class, Valley Mist did exactly what the judges asked with nary a bobble to win the blue for little Miss March Lockhart.

Carmaide put up a very nice performance to win The John Strawbridge, Jr. Memorial Challenge Trophy for conformation hunters. Mrs. W. Penn-Gaskill Hall is the owner of this consistent good-jumping mare.

### SUMMARIES

Children's hunter—1. Reno Tatoo, Dr. and Mrs. W. Buller; 2. Scamp, Gen. and Mrs. C. B. Lyman; 3. Melody Mountain, Dr. R. S. Hunsberger; 4. Valley Mist, March Lockhart.

Working hunters—1. Andy Rainstorm, Mrs. Frank Clark; 2. Melody Mountain, Dr. R. S. Hunsberger; 3. Lobo, R. M. Tindle; 4. Al's Pet, Thomas McKelvey.

Children's hunter hack—1. Valley Mist, March Lockhart; 2. Blue Honors, Carl J. Meister, Jr.; 3. Tequilla, Shirley Fox; 4. Kinlock, Thomas McKelvey.

Green hunter—1. Tanahmerah, Gen. and Mrs. C. B. Lyman; 2. Moonbeam, Mrs. John Strawbridge, Jr.; 3. Timberline, Joseph Ferguson; 4. Revolt, R. M. Tindle.

Hunter hack—1. Tanahmerah, Gen. and Mrs. C. B. Lyman; 2. Timberline, Joseph Ferguson; 3. Ardacrusa, Mrs. David Dallas Odell; 4. Darling B., Mrs. Arthur Hanna.

Ladies' hunters—1. Rustic II, Betty Behney; 2. Moonbeam, Mrs. John Strawbridge, Jr.; 3. Moose, Virginia Orr; 4. Bootie, Mrs. John Strawbridge, Jr.

Conformation hunters—1. Carmaide, Mrs. W. Penn-Gaskill Hall; 2. Timberline, Joseph Ferguson; 3. Moonbeam, Mrs. John Strawbridge, Jr.; 4. Bootie, Mrs. John Strawbridge, Jr.

Hunt teams—1. Lobo, R. M. Tindle; Rustic II, Betty Behney; Bootie, Mrs. John Strawbridge, Jr.; 2. The Rabbit, Mrs. Arthur Hanna; Andy Rainstorm, Mrs. Frank Clark; Chestnut Lad, Helen Pennick; 3. Gray Impudence, Elizabeth Whelan; Melody Mountain, Dr. R. S. Hunsberger; Linda, Ed Mooney; 4. Royal Timme, Mrs. Frank Clark; Merry Widow, S. J. Sharpless; Brown Sugar, Henry Woolman.

Champion—Rustic II, Betty June Behney. Reserve—Andy Rainstorm, Mrs. Frank Clark. Judges: Col. John J. Dean, Mr. Warren F. McKinney and Mrs. J. E. Behney.

## HUNTER TRIALS

George Fitzpatrick's Party Miss piled up 20 points to win the open jumper tri-color. Superbly handled by Linky Smith, the Baltimore-owned gray mare didn't make a mistake all afternoon.

Maryland Miss, a very consistent black mare, ably ridden by her owner, young Miss Nancy Kelly of Marlboro, Md., was awarded the junior championship after hacking off a three-way tie with Miss Nancy DiPaula's pepper Toes and Cliff Stanley's Golden Princess.

Springbury Farm entries placed one-two in the green hunter division. Lady Bellast won top honors with 11 1-2 points while Duke of Orange ended the day with 8 points for the reserve tri-color.

### April 18

Junior road hacks—1. Pepper Toes, Nancy DiPaula; 2. Baby, Claire Taylor; 3. Littlest Knight, Mrs. May Stewart.

Junior hunters—1. Maryland Miss, Nancy Kelly; 2. Praline, John Freeman, Jr.; 3. Sensation, W. V. Viar.

D. Sterrett Gittings horsemanship—1. Claire Taylor; 2. Sue Ann Freeman; 3. Fritzie Burkhardt.

Junior champion—Maryland Miss, Nancy Kelly, 5 pts. Reserve—Pepper Toes, Nancy DiPaula, 5 pts.

Road hacks—1. Refrain, Charles Carrico; 2. Eve's Star, Eve Prime; 3. Fast Train, Sherman Flint; 4. Day Dreams, Harry DeMawby, Jr.

Warm-up jumpers—1. Party Miss, George Fitzpatrick; 2. Spring Step, Dr. Robert E. Moran; 3. Bonne Fille, Robert C. Lee; 4. Reno Kurd, Charles Galtrell.

Model hunters—1. Portmaker, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin I. Kay; 2. Flint, Barbara Jo Shipley; 3. Lady Bellast, Springsbury Farm; 4. The Squire, Ballantrae.

Green hunters—1. Duke of Orange, Springsbury Farm; 2. Eve's Star, Eve Prime; 3. Praline, John Freeman, Jr.; 4. Lady Bellast, Springsbury Farm.

Modified Olympia—1. Party Miss, George Fitzpatrick; 2. My First Night, Helen Eichelberger; 3. Push Button, Dirck Teller; 4. Rose Gold, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bruce.

Hack and hunter—1. Refrain, Charles Carrico; 2. Eve's Star, Eve Prime; 3. Praline, John Freeman, Jr.; 4. Duke of Orange, Springsbury Farm.

Open hunter—1. Portmaker, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin I. Kay; 2. Flint, Barbara Jo Shipley; 3. Post Meridian, George DiPaula; 4. Eve's Star, Eve Prime.

Green hunter hacks—1. Lady Bellast, Springsbury Farm; 2. Duke of Orange, Springsbury Farm; 3. Reno Salome, Melville H. Beams; 4. Refrain, Charles Carrico.

Knock-down-and-out—1. Party Miss, George Fitzpatrick; 2. Rose Gold, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bruce; 3. Gray Wings, Joan de Felsovani; 4. Moonlight Bay, Springsbury Farm.

Ladies' working hunters—1. Post Meridian, George DiPaula; 2. Portmaker, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin I. Kay; 3. Phantom Raider, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin I. Kay; 4. Maryland Miss, Nancy Kelly.

Green working hunters—1. Lady Bellast, Springsbury Farm; 2. Be Fit, Carol Curran; 3. Refrain, Charles Carrico; 4. Duke of Orange, Springsbury Farm.

Open jumping stake—1. Party Miss, George Fitzpatrick; 2. Rose Gold, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bruce; 3. My First Night, Helen Eichelberger.

Working hunter stake—1. Flint, Barbara Jo Shipley; 2. Phantom Raider, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin I. Kay; 3. Portmaker, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin I. Kay; 4. Post Meridian, George DiPaula.

Jumper champion—Party Miss, George Fitzpatrick, 20 pts. Reserve—Rose Gold, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bruce, 6 pts.

Hunter champion—Portmaker, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin I. Kay, 11 1/2 pts. Reserve—Flint, Barbara Jo Shipley, 9 1/2 pts.

Green hunter champion—Lady Bellast, Springsbury Farm, 11 1/2 pts. Reserve—Duke of Orange, Springsbury Farm, 8 pts.

Judges: Humphrey S. Finney, Hugh Wiley, Edward Talbott.



Whether it's fishing or hunter trials, Pennsylvanians like sport. In the foreground a fisherman wades the stream, toward the starting point for the Valley Forge Hunter Trials. (V. Orr Photo)



John Clippinger and his Anglo-Cleveland, Fleetwood, duplicated last year's victory this season for the lightweight trophy at Camargo.

## CHRONICLE QUIZ



WHAT IS A STRING HALT?

2. What is the most usual distance for steeplechase races at the major tracks?
3. What is a riding habit?
4. What is a head collar?
5. What is the meaning of own a line?
6. Identify Tattersalls.

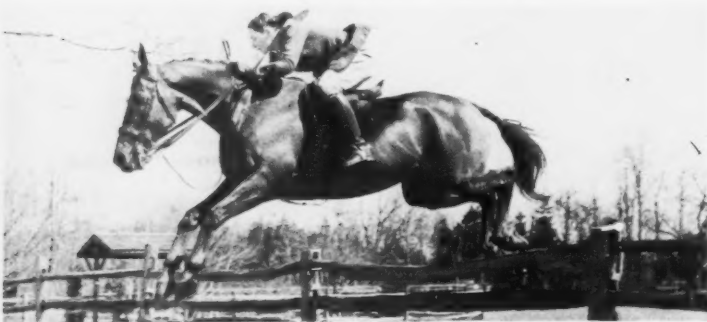
(Answers on Page 28)



Last year the winner of the ladies' race at the Camargo Hunt Point-to-Point was Miss Dorothy Dawson's Anglo-Cleveland, Donegal. With Miss Childress Rodgers again in the saddle, Donegal won this year. In the background at the finish were Joint-Masters L. S. Smith, Jr. and O. De Gray Vanderbilt. (Carlson Candid)



The Meadow Brook Hunter Trials were held April 17 and the personable dock tailed Flicka was the champion. Owned and ridden by Mrs. Marjorie B. Hewlett, Flicka was lined up with 5 other horses before the decision was made. (Klein Photo)



Also at the Meadow Brook Hunter Trials was Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Hickox's Fortitude. Ably ridden by Miss Sarane Hickox, Fortitude garnered the reserve championship for her youthful rider. (Klein Photo)



Charles L. Heesin on his Thoroughbred, My Hero, won the heavyweight race at the Camargo Hunt Point-to-Point.

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## N. Y. Riding Club Show Outstanding In Open Classes

Jane B. Pollack

Early April showers didn't keep the exhibitors or spectators away from the horse show at the New York Riding Club on March 26, N. Y. C. From the time the show began, at 7:30 P. M., until midnight, the seats surrounding the spacious indoor ring were filled to capacity. However, the open jumping classes brought the crowd to its feet for the exciting jump-offs.

The jumper classes had from 35 to 40 entries each time. The horses all seemed to have come through the winter months in fine shape as shown by their performances. Several of the prominent owners and riders brought their horses in for valuable schooling. Among these, Vic Goines had Smoky, Yank, and My Future going consistently for Magnus Farms. Also, Al Merkel, in for vacation, put Why Worry through his paces to once more bring home the proverbial bacon. As always, Nat Krupnick's "big three" were right on top. This time, Jimmy Dowling had the reins and did a great job of steering Liberty Belle, Liberty Boy, and Lady Liberty into the money and ribbons.

Fortunately, John Bell and Mr. Bedford suffered no ill effects when they went down at the Fairfield gate in the first class. They reassured any doubtful rail-birds of their fitness with a clean round in the stake to cop third place. The Rice family took home their usual share of the ribbons. Nancy ("Peanut") made a nice win in horsemanship and then she and her "big" sister, Kathy, guided their horses around the course, ahead of the best of them.

To make the list of good performers more complete, Mrs. Don Ferraro's Black Watch, Frank Cook's Bay Girl, and Mary McGowan's Little Wonder climbed high enough to earn a well-deserved place on it.

The bridle path and hunter hack classes drew many topflight horses. Lavender, previously hunted by John G. Howland, the new M. F. H. of the Fairfield-Westchester Hunt, was outstanding for Mrs. Edith Melhado. Several newcomers in the ranks got a preview of what larger shows are like and this will save them countless headaches when they begin to exhibit extensively. Both the new riders and the veterans gained valuable experience from participating in such competitions.

These series of monthly competitions have been very successful and they have become progressively popular. Aside from the steady stream of old faces, the newcomers showed considerable promise in both the horsemanship and jumping divisions. It is the hope of the committee who staged these shows that all participants benefitted from them and that they will continue in the coming season with the best of luck and success.

March 26  
Horsemanship, under 12—1. Nancy Rice; 2. Carol Hayes; 3. Patricia O'Connor; 4. Janet Cohen.

Horsemanship, 12-16—1. Carol Straus; 2. Noel Love; 3. Steven Zeiler; 4. Robert Magnus, Jr.  
Open Jumping—1. Liberty Boy, Nat Krupnick; 2. Tony V., "Gigs" Giordano; 3. Lady Liberty, Nat Krupnick; 4. Why Worry, Albert H. Merkel.

Horsemanship, ladies over 16—1. Joan E. Maass; 2. Mrs. Florence Canals; 3. Tina Howland; 4. Joyce Kraus.

Riding academy pupil horsemanship—1.

## Henry Barratt's Elk Best Hunter At Renfrew Trials

Polly Miller

With a spring day made to order and the enthusiasm and determination always present amongst the members of the Whitmarsh Junior Hunt, these keen riding children, their friends, and their parents gathered together at Renfrew Farm, superbly situated home of Mr. and Mrs. W. West Frazier III in Roxborough, Pa. on Saturday, April 17th ready for the hunter trials which are unique in their spirit of friendly competition and cooperation. Mr. Frazier has created an atmosphere of good sport for sport's sake where the judges and competitors can freely discuss the decisions and everyone completes the day with a feeling of well tried, well earned recognition.

For nine consecutive years Mr. Frazier has provided the culmination of the Whitmarsh Junior Hunt's season by inviting the children and their friends to take part in hunter trials which are carefully planned to test their ability under typical hunting conditions. The classes are divided according to age groups, the morning classes featuring handy hunters while the afternoon classes are for working hunters over a natural country about a mile and a quarter. Although the jumps are not high the course is tricky and it takes a real working hunter to complete it successfully.

From all over the Whitmarsh Valley they came adding up to the largest number of entries in years—the old friends who wouldn't think of missing the trials, plus many new competitors in the nine and ten year old group who brought their ponies. Among these were Jane Kelley, Angie Hamilton, Nancy Wear, Morris Cheston, Jr. and Jerry Miller.

In the first handy hunter class for children 14 years and under, the log-worm fence proved more of a hazard than expected. Horses and ponies alike refused it until Crumdale, veteran of eight Renfrew Trials, carried her present owner Laura Miller around the course handsly and without a stop. Melody, formerly owned by Laura Miller and still being ridden by her until the new owner, Diana Woods, is ready to take over, also turned in a clean performance but it was not as smooth as The Rabbit's, Deirdre Hanna's well known child's hunter. In the line up Crumdale was given the blue, The Rabbit 2nd, Melody 3rd, and nine year old Nancy Wear's

Pert Junior rated a well earned fourth.

The first working hunter class over the outside course brought Crumdale her second blue, The Rabbit another red, and produced the only real spill of the day. Nancy Wear's Junior jumped extra big over one of the fences, causing the pommel of her side saddle to turn, and throw her off. Unharmed and determined, Nancy remounted and really sent her pony on, the determination showing even in her two bobbing plaits as she fairly flew over the remainder of the tricky course. Ten year old Morris Cheston Jr. in his first ride over this course well deserved the fourth ribbon awarded to his pony Midgie.

The Parent and Child class, new this year, saw the team of Mr. John H. W. Ingersoll and daughter Joan win the blue over the Fraziers father and son team, with a performance pleasantly reminiscent of Whitmarsh hunts in which these two have been prominent this season. Joan kept up her good work of the afternoon by getting a second ribbon in the hunt teams, along with Morris Cheston, Jr., and Laura Miller on their ponies. It took the team of Jill Landreth's Mike Mullen, Manalong and the Frazier's The Puppet to beat them.

The Special Horsemanship prize awarded "to the rider who, in the opinion of the Committee, has displayed a keen sense of horsemanship and made the most of the situation in the hunting field and at the hunter trials" was given to Nancy Wear with Joan Ingersoll a close second.

The climax of the day came when the judges called out The Elk and Crumdale to decide which one should receive the Renfrew Farm Plate presented by Bettina Frazier "to the horse, which in the opinion of the Judges is the best type of a child's working hunter". After due deliberation they gave the nod to The Elk and reserve went to Crumdale.

### SUMMARIES

Handy hunter, ridden by children 14 years of age and under. Jumps 3'-1. Crumdale, Laura Miller; 2. The Rabbit, Deirdre Hanna;

3. Melody, Diana Woods; 4. Junior, Nancy Wear.

Handy hunter, ridden by children between the ages of 15 and 18 inclusive. Jumps not over 3'-6"-1. On Relief, Sally Deaver; 2. Zip-a-long, Jeanette Heckman; 3. Grey Coat, Angie Hamilton; 4. Kilrea, Henry Barratt.

Handy hunter, open to those 19 years and over—1. The Puppet, W. West Frazier IV; 2. Strawberry Blonde, Mrs. W. West Frazier IV; 3. Blue Snow, Mrs. W. Potter Wear; 4. Mike Mullen, Jill Landreth.

Children's hunter, ridden by children 14 years of age and under; over a natural country. Jumps 3'-1. Crumdale, Laura Miller; 2. The Rabbit, Deirdre Hanna; 3. Melody, Diana Woods; 4. Midgie, Morris Cheston.

Children's hunter, ridden by children between the ages of 15 and 18 years inclusive over a natural country. Jumps not over 3'-6". —1. The Elk, Henry Barratt; 2. Red Topper, Jeanette Heckman; 3. Merwatch, Henry Barratt; 4. Feanna Fall, Jack Kelly.


Hunters, over a natural country. Open to those 19 years and over—1. Manalong, Jill Landreth; 2. The Puppet, W. West Frazier IV; 3. Mike Mullen, Jill Landreth; 4. Brandy, Thos. J. Hamilton.

Parent and child, to be shown one behind the other at a safe hunting distance, no age limit. Jumps 3'-6"-1. Yankee, Joan Ingersoll; Patrolman, Mrs. John H. W. Ingersoll; 2. Strawberry Blonde, W. West Frazier IV; 3. The Puppet, Mr. W. West Frazier III; 4. Mike Mullen, Jill Landreth; Manalong, Mrs. Miles Valentine; 4. Melody, Laura Miller; Crumdale, Mrs. James R. Miller.

Hunt teams—1. Mike Mullen, Jill Landreth; Manalong, Mrs. Miles Valentine; The Puppet, W. West Frazier IV; 2. Madcap, Laura Miller; Yankee, Joan Ingersoll; Midgie, Morris Cheston, Jr.; 3. Crumdale, Laura Miller; On Relief, Sally Deaver; Easter, Deirdre Hanna; 4. Merwatch, Henry Barratt; The Elk, Edith Slater; Kilrea, Jack Kelly.

Special Horsemanship Prize—Winner: Nancy Wear; 2nd: Joan Ingersoll.

Renfrew Farm Plate for best type of a child's working hunter—Champion—The Elk, Henry Barratt. Reserve—Crumdale, Laura Miller.



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## An Irish Hunting Tour



### Things To Take and Hints To Follow If Contemplating A Trip To Ireland To Hunt

Fred Haight II

A few days ago we arrived from Ireland after enjoying a solid month of uninterrupted hunting. Knowing that some of The Chronicle's readers may be interested in conditions over there, or may even be planning to spend a season next year behind one of the Irish packs, I am sending in these personal observations for what they are worth.

Six of us went over, more or less together, in early February. Fred and Cornelia Bontecou and Homer Gray stayed in Mallow, and Bob McGusty, my brother Sherman and I lived in Clonmel as paying guests at Oaklands, the Cleeve house. Mallow is the center of the Duballow Hunt, and Clonmel the center of the Tipperary Hounds. The idea being that we could visit back and forth, which we did, and yet we were all fairly independent of each other.

However, for the sake of brevity, I will only go into the details of how our own particular hunting establishment at Oaklands was run.

First of all, we brought our own saddles with us. This turned out to have been an excellent idea, inasmuch as we rode hirelings, and the tack supplied was not very good. Not only that, but you always feel more comfortable in your own saddle when on a strange horse in an unknown country. While on the subject of tack, we also brought our sandwich cases and flasks and found out that no one over there carries them. There seem to be plenty of pubs around, and a couple of sandwiches stuffed into a pocket will suffice.

Secondly, we hired a car to take us to the meets, follow us during the hunt, etc. If I go over again, I will definitely take a car. By the time that we'd used the car for one month, we had a very heavy financial interest in it. A car is needed, however.

The next point of interest is the horse problem. Luckily for us, Miss Edith Cleeve with whom we were staying is a hunting woman and knows everyone in Ireland from whom we might hire horses. Not only that, but she would spend hours on the Irish telephone, which is a feat in itself, calling up people and making arrangements. I blush when I recall the way that she described us. We were all at least potential jockeys for the Grand National! But it seemed to work, and we always found our horses at the meet, and they all seemed to carry us well. I had only one poor horse—that was the day that we hunted with the Black and Tans (Scarteen) over some of their best country. The meet was at a place called Longford Bridge. McGusty had arrived there before I had, and had picked his horse. I came up and chose a flashy looking chestnut from the three remaining horses held by the groom of the man who was doing the hitting. I should add that we weren't his only customers that day. When hounds moved to covert side, I discovered that my horse was a real puller—not only that, but it bored along with its chin a few inches

above the ground. As we came to the first bank, it rushed at it, and at the crucial moment dug in its toes and thus enabled me to examine the bank very closely from between its ears! This took place off and on all day. We always got over, but it wasn't fun. On the other hand, the day that we hunted with the Ward Union, we had horses that carried us to the end of a seventeen mile point. God only knows what the distance was as hounds ran. It was the biggest run they've had this year, and was not after a carted stag, but an outlier, or loose one. The time was four hours and the few remaining in the run could barely keep their horses going at the end, and ours were among the game few.

When it comes to clothing, the question is very simple. The average man wears black boots, white or buff breeches, a black coat, and a top hat. No one pays any attention if you turn out in ratcatcher and a bowler. All that matters is can you ride to hounds. In regard to pink—it's nice to have to turn out in on a big day and the masters like to see it, but it isn't necessary. We wore pink or black for quite a while, and then towards the end I began to ride in ratcatcher. You should have a comfortable, warm overcoat to wrap up in after hunting and a raincoat is also essential. Luckily, it rained only once when we were there—most unseasonable weather—and it snowed one Sunday. A tweed cap is another thing to bring. Otherwise, nothing else is different. Incidentally, warm underwear come in very handy at times, also.

Another point of interest which I'll bring up is that of the cost of such a trip. Our board came to approximately ten guineas a week. Telephone calls, wines, spirits and laundry depend on the individual. Hirelings, another item on the list, vary. When we were out with the Meath and the Ward Union they cost four pounds per day. In the south of Ireland they averaged two pounds. Our car hire came to one shilling a mile for a new Dodge car (four door sedan) and the driver.

The other main item of expense is capping. The capping fees average approximately fifteen shillings—some packs more, others about that. We subscribed to the Tipperary Hounds, and the subscription was fifteen guineas. One point of interest is that when you subscribe over there you still pay up when you hunt. A Tipperary subscriber would always pay half a crown field money when he hunted. This is a painless way to bring in additional money to pay claims, etc. and seems to work very well. Incidentally, the cost to a master to take one of the good packs in Ireland is about five thousand pounds per annum.

Editor's Note: Mr. Haight's remarks on Irish hunting will be concluded next week.



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Sunday, March 28th

The rain came down in torrents on Saturday, March 27, but high winds late in the evening conveniently fouled the weatherman's forecast for continued bad weather on the 28, as we arose into a rather crisp raw morning. The winds of the night had subsided and the sun was forcefully breaking through billowy spring clouds.

But, still—it was cold—uncomfortably raw at first, and remarks about the temperature mingled with salutations as we greeted hounds and Master at 1:15 in the upper field by the kennel gate.

At 1:30 our 13 1-2 couples for the day were moved over the road past the Quansett house and cast in the fields and brush just west of the road near the so-called Little Beach Gate.

All the coverts between that point and Josiah Child's were drawn blank; but once our pack got past the little water hole that lies directly in the trail beyond the narrow gateway, sterner began marking game and in less time than it takes to write of it, hounds took possession of a line that brought them deep into the wooded thickets just east of Mr. Child's house. However, this fox refused to lead hounds straight away and swung 'round in sharp circular jaunts, restricting his line in the small section bound by Fisher Farm Lane, the Beagle kennels, Mr. Child's driveway and Horseneck road. In all our fox was above ground for nearly twenty minutes, but his reluctance to break away afforded no run at all and he finally took cover in a known earth near the driveway.

Losing no time at all, hounds quickly responded to the horn and were moved across Horseneck Road into the kennel woods. All the coverts and fields to the right and left of the trails leading out of the kennel woods and into Dabney's were drawn blank, so, too, was the country that consists of the lower portion of Mr. Lamb's, Mr. Scott's and Mr. Green's properties.

But, just as the Master was about to take the gateway leading from Mr. Scott's into Ben Perry's swamp, excited yells of Tally-Ho! spiked the air with excitement and looking up atop the huge boulder next to Mr. Perry's Barn, we saw Mark Bonney and Doc Horan signaling a view.

Again the pack was hastily gathered and galloped up to the designated spot near the ledge where in unison they spoke into as joyous music as the ear of any foxhunter could ever wish to hear.

Amidst the surging cry of the pack, the sharp calls of the horn, and the anxious pawing of our mounts—the hunt was on! Old Reynard was but seconds ahead! A beautiful big red dog fox who headed straight towards Mr. Green's house

and driveway. Then veering sharply to the right he shot ahead through the Fiesta grounds for the High Gate woods taking a course that would have brought him into the Great Neck Country.

However, with great consideration for the Field, ole Mr. Charles James decided to add thrill upon thrill, for he again turned a sharp right, carrying hounds across the Allen Neck Road entering Bob Motha's farm with the house just to the left—and, as we carefully trotted our mounts past the house and farm yard, lo and behold!—out popped our pilot himself and with a whisk of his brush and a sly smirk on his mask brought to mind a little tune: "You can't catch me", cried the little red fox,—and away he ran.

What a sight to behold! What a moment to have lived!—with hounds to the right close behind and in plain view actually bursting breast high into a line that was being laid in full view of the excited Field.

Gallop along and to the left of the fox the entire Field managed to keep him in sight all the while he ran down the full length

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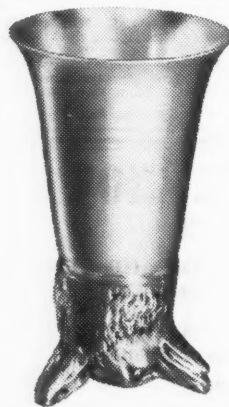
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Hounds: American (Walker).  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, black collar, blue piping.

Three enjoyable days bought the hunting season at Grimes Mill, Lexington to a grand finale—the last formal hunt, the cross country ride on Easter Sunday to Colonel and Mrs. Roger Williams hunt breakfast, and the 35-mile ride along the Kentucky River.

Hounds met at Gentry's Old Mill, well known night spot on the Athens Boonesboro Road, 10 miles from Lexington, for the last formal meet of the season. Gentry's Mill and Grimes Mill, home of the Iroquois Hunt Club, are famous old landmarks on Boone's Creek, a stream of rare scenic beauty in the heart of the country over which Daniel Boone once hunted.

In honor of the hunt, Gentry's Mill was opened at high noon and a delectable breakfast served to those who came to ride to hounds. To do justice to the covering of a social gathering of the Iroquois Hunt one would have to be inspired. Briefly, everyone relaxes. Everyone has fun.

Shortly after one o'clock, 35 horses arrived. An eagerness to be gone filled the air. The wind was blowing a gale; the horses were fussing; Boone's Creek, after many heavy rainfalls was in a rage, but the riders were undaunted.

A short hack brought the Field to the first covert. Hounds almost immediately picked up a line. Every hound dropped his nose to the ground and they were gone away. Evidently determined to carry the pack out of his country, probably protecting a vixen with cubs, the old fox ran a straight line to the open country. Widespread bluegrass fields outlined by fine old stone walls lay in every direction—a foxhunter's paradise. For miles Reynard led them away. Once he ran down a wall fence, once he backtracked a short distance, playing his tricks only when hounds got too close. The story goes that he nonchalantly stopped to chase a cat off a fence onto which he had jumped.

An hour later with the pack still pressing him hard but with one last burst of speed, the fox seemingly decided to find cover. Near Howard's Creek West Fork hounds put him to earth, a point of approximately 7 miles. 'Twas a dream hunt. There's no accounting for scent.

While hacking home late in the day three other members of the Field and your writer dropped behind. Many hazardous creeks had been forded during the hunt and so we stragglers approached the next one unsuspectingly. We left it with respect and a bit chagrined. Fortunately Old Man Creek attacked the very plucky, calm Charlotte Pursley. Anyone else might have drowned.

Charlotte had taken her feet out of her stirrups and had tucked them up on the horse's back, that being the only place to keep them dry. The horse slipped and fell and Charlotte rolled off into the water. The very swift current made swimming impossible. She tried in vain to get her footing. There she was very ladylike, her derby properly in place, dashing downstream absolutely helpless. Someone called to her to grab an overhanging limb of a tree. It was no more than a twig but it did the job.

While Charlotte dangled in mid-air, we debated as to what to do with her. Once we seriously considered making her walk 5 miles in soaking wet clothes rather than venture across the treacherous stream once more with her horse. Finally gallant Doug Goff with the help of the other gentlemen, who from the vantage point of the shore prodded the unwilling horse with a 20-foot limb, literally dragged the mare over to her mistress.

The remainder of the hack home was a blank.

Easter Sunday 14 members of the club met at Grimes Mill and from there rode 'cross country approximately 10 miles to Dunreath, beautiful home of Colonel and Mrs. Roger Williams where a delicious, elaborate hunt breakfast was served to about seventy-five guests.

As the riders approached Dunreath Mrs. W. and her guests, who had come on wheels, assembled in front of the house to welcome them and to watch them come over the jumps which had been put up for the occasion between the trees at the entrance to the estate. The picture was perfect—the gay crowd, the beautiful colonial mansion almost hidden by dozens of stately old trees, the horses galloping two or three abreast toward the wide fences. Here was color at its best. Just as everything was at its peak of perfection for some unknown reason the horses decided to take the party over. Three threw their riders, one after another refused the fences, and a mad scramble ensued. Perhaps they knew a party should have a thrill or so.

The season actually closed April 4 with an all day ride outside the hunt country. Breakfast was served at the Hunt Club at six a. m. Shortly after a group of riders left for a point about 15 miles down the Kentucky River, riding cross country. In that section the farms are small, the fences wire and stone walls. The old tarpaulin was thrown over wire a number of times.

The country along the river is beautiful. It is very rugged with rocky cliffs, steep hills, musty valleys, high points from which one can see up and down the river, and the lacy foliage of early spring dotted here and there with colorful red-bud makes an unforgettable picture.

A truck loaded with food for man and beast met the riders at their destination at noon. Shortly after lunch they crossed the river on the ferry boat and made the long trek back home on an old abandoned lane which follows the river bank all the way to Clay's Ferry, the crossing near Grimes Mill. Here the breathtaking new high bridge makes a picture worth traveling miles to see. Because of the heavy traffic the riders crossed on the old bridge and after a fast gallop for a couple of miles were back at the Club, having covered about 30 miles. Cocktails and dinner followed.

A word about the next extremely satisfactory set-up at the Iroquois Club. That genial Irishman Dennis Murphy and Mrs. Murphy have come to take charge of the stable and the kennels.

The Club feels it has hit the jackpot (Counting the Murphy brood makes this literally true) in having this family of capable horsefolk settle in the Bluegrass. They will teach the children to ride, train the horses and hounds, and very likely the members, with their likeable Irish ways.

Thanks to the Joint-Masters, Edward F. Spears and W. Fauntleroy Pursley; the Field Master, Dr. W. J. Martin; and the Honorary Whip, Tommy Rankin great sport has been

## Quansett Hunt

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of Motha's farm; but once reaching the marsh he swung back into Perry's swamp with the tangle of briars there somewhat slowing our hounds. Then working west our pack carried us over the four or five panels bringing us into Mr. Lamb's where our fox jogged a sharp left and right swinging past the Dabney house.

At this point hounds were forced to feather a bit. Nevertheless, within moments they again took possession of the line, working it up the Dabney lane. At the trail intersection by the charred ruins of an old homestead they took a circular left-handed path that led the Field into and out of the Quansett farm woods coming out down close to the marsh at Dabney's again. Sticking close alongside the marsh ole Reynard made a point for Barney's Joy, a distance of 4 or 5 miles where, after a roaring gallop of near two hours, he became the mystery and the legend that is foxhunting as his scent with the aid of freshly burned brush abruptly vanished in the sands of Barney's Joy.

It was a completely satisfying hunt. Collectively, our pack had worked it brilliantly; but, "Peaceful", "Racer", "Rapid" and "Ratler" had obviously assisted wonderfully. Rightfully, the Master could swell with pride and the tired, but mentally invigorated Field, could not but show their gratefulness for the sport they had been shown.

It was unfortunate that Emily Saltonstall's Clovis had pulled a shoe just prior to the run. We did wonder what had happened to Sister Grew as she is always way up front, but we later learned that she had missed out in the tricky going in and out of the High Gate Woods. "Jackie" Horan astride "Jo" Fernandez' bay, seemed glued to hounds all the way. Gregg Straus, as always managed to keep on even terms with the pack, and so did Mike Freeman. Little

enjoyed in Kentucky. The Fields have been larger than ever before and a keener interest displayed by all.—Ruth Hardin.

Audrey Almy in spite of a rather serious looking fall at the bogey panel out of the Quansett woods, lost no time in regaining and maintaining her position up front. Regrettably, our honorable secretary, David Vogels who has not been feeling well lately, was forced to miss a great deal of the run. Needless to say, Robin Hood the dependable hunter which always maintained the vantage point from which these notes are accounted, offered his owner as great a satisfaction as can be expected from so cleverly and beautifully a working animal as he.

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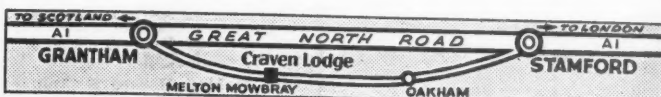
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As Jimmy Durante is wont to say, "Everybody wants to get in the act." So I would like to add my two cents worth to the current flood of comment on junior equitation.

Some weeks ago you had an editorial on "Where are the riders coming from?" This interested me very much as I can see none coming on that are fit to ride over fences. After years of close observation of the development of the younger riders I have come to some very firm convictions on the dearth of "hell for leather" riders.

First and foremost reason is that the sport of riding has gone completely feminine in the past 5 years. The discrepancy has reached such proportions that in all phases of the game, racing excepted, you will find two females riding to every male rider.

In the show ring the preponderance of female riders is all out of proportion to their ability. Practically all the good horses are being ridden and in many cases very ineptly, by girls to such an extent that I have a hard time recalling an important class in a big show that was won by a young male rider. If a keen boy does happen to get a good round the judges will sure as satin pin a girl over him. If you don't believe this just check back over the past ten years of the results of any large show in America.

In junior equitation this creeping paralysis has reached such a ridiculous extreme that a good boy rider is a pathetic sight in a ring that resembles the riding class from a girls seminary. At just this formative age of 10 to 16 years the girls are so obviously favored that I don't blame the young lads for picking up their marbles and going home to make model airplanes. There is no sense to the trend that dictates that any good girl rider can outride a good boy. It is at this stage that we are losing the interest of a lot of good riders because they come to realize it is a girl's game.

As for the hunting field producing the type of bold, fearless rider needed for chasing and good hunting, it just isn't so. Any young lad who shows any tendency to ride straight and hard and get up front is soon deflated by a bunch of oldsters who insist that he stay back in the ruck where boredom is the rule and so another keen one is lost for lack of encouragement. In fact the youngsters are treated so much like second or third class citizens in the hunting field that it is a wonder that any of them stick it out to maturity.

I have just finished reading Gordon Wright's article on equitation in which he stresses the point to "make haste slowly." That is probably the correct attitude of most riding maestros but it certainly will not produce many chase riders. For, far too many people keep dining into the kids that riding is a dangerous sport until they come to believe it and forever after are timid riders, only suited to ride mechanical horses. This is just as

silly as a high school foot ball coach telling his squad not to run too hard or too fast as they might get hurt. Surely some people do get hurt riding, or more properly in failing to ride, but in the largest percentage accidents come from faulty, timid riding rather than from hard, fearless accomplished riding.

The fault lies not so much in the kids as much as it does in the timorous, panicky attitude of the oldsters in charge of them. The children will come on a great deal faster if they are not held back by the Mr. and Mrs. Milktoasts who stand around and wait that the little darlings can't do this and can't do that because they are liable to fall on their little fat fannies.

This I know from current experience as I ride with a group of 5 to 7 children between the ages of 4 to 12 years. It is amazing what these kids accomplish when kept out of a ring and encouraged to really ride a horse, and they ride some rough ones, too. One of these girls I had jumping only five days after a professional instructor had her on a lead line, and she won a ribbon within a month after that. I know one very popular instructor who thinks nothing of keeping pupils 2 to 3 years in the ring before he allows them to go hunting.

This may be correct but I am sure that any child that goes through it must be bored to distraction.

Now having discussed the disease I am going to suggest a remedy. At the Memorial Dog, Horse and Steeplechase conducted by the Northern Westchester Chapter of the Professional Horsemen's Assn. we are inaugurating a Junior Race across natural country but without jumps. We cannot say it is on the flat for it is far from it. This will be about 3-4 miles around all sorts of turns and through narrow gaps and some tricky footing so that each horse will have to really be ridden. None of the mechanical show ring horses that automatically go "round and round" will do. If this race fills enough we would like to split it according to age. I know it will fill if left up to the kids themselves; but I can hear the wails of the conservatives already, that it can't be done.

I know for a certainty that it can be done for I have been holding a lot of impromptu brushes with 8 to 12 year olds for the past year and they really eat it up. They are as enthusiastic for it as anyone in the Maryland Cup could be and never have we had any semblance of any kind of trouble.

If we get any kind of support for this sort of thing we may try a junior race meet which I feel is the crying need to halt the complete emasculation of the art of riding. Mind you I say this even though I have daughters of my own who can ride as good as any.

It is later than we think in this matter and let us make some sort of an effort to keep the young boys in the game. Now that universal military training is in the offing and the young lads will be for a few years without even a pet, it is going to be more difficult than ever to wean them away from mechanical interests.

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## Queen Bee Champion At Jefferis Club Coatesville Show

Jane S. McIlvaine

On Saturday, April 10th, the Jefferis Club held its second annual horse show at Ridgcrest Farm near Coatesville, Pa. Entries were doubled this year—55 horses in all—and the day turned out to be a real community fair with owner-riders in the majority.

The championship went to Pres E. Hoopes of Romansville who rode his Queen Bee throughout the show to win the working hunter class over 30 horses and to glean seconds in the Handy Hunter and Hunter Hack. Billy, owned and ridden by Miss Rachel Martin of West Chester, was runner-up with 7 1-2 points to Queen Bee's 10. Miss Martin, who hunts Billy, with Mr. Mather's Brandywine Hounds was riding in her first show. When she won the Warm-up class with a grand performance from about 35 horses, she chalked up three firsts—her first show, first class, the first blue!

Of the 12 classes the Musical Chairs—in this case peach baskets—was the most unique and caused a near riot. The Baskets were placed in the ring and music was played over the loudspeaker. Riders were to dismount and sit down. The confusion was utter. Johnny White of Thorndale and his Timber Lady weathered the knocks and bumps to tie with Eddie McClure for the last "chair". Eventually the decision was given to White on a technicality. After a race from one end of the ring to the other, White pulled up first and got the "chair".

All in all it was a wonderful day's sport. Mrs. Clark, secy., did a swell job of announcing at the last minute besides taking post entries and making sure that the crowd had the latest dope on what was going on. Her announcement in the middle of the Warm-up class confusion when riders were being spilled right and left that Mrs. Ed Cope was doing nicely and had suffered nothing more than a stiff neck was gratefully received. It seemed that Mrs. Cope had been in such a hurry to get to the show that she had fallen

## W. J. Shayer's Series Shows Full Mastery Of Sporting Detail

The last of the series by William J. Shayer, concludes the foxhunt with hounds gone to earth as seen on the cover picture. It is good composition and the hounds are in well placed and characteristic poses, so familiar to everyone hunting today. There is an eagerness in the huntsman as he swings off his horse to get to the earth and ascertain if he can whether his hounds have in truth marked their fox to ground that is well expressed while the way the two hounds in the foreground are puzzling out the last remnants of scent is but proof again of how well the artist knew his subject.

This series of pictures by an artist whose father William Shayer, contributed many pictures to the Royal Academy is mainly interesting for the knowledge and interest in the detail that the artist was able to put into his paintings. The spot for the earth is a good one, so is the tired but alert expression on the huntsman's mount while the terrier man with his terrier coming over the fence adds the finishing touch to what must have been a fine day with hounds.

downstairs that morning and barely escaped serious injury.

Although many fell during the day—the show was made up of hunters highly suspicious of the "made" fences—Mrs. Cope's accident was the most serious.

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Ben Whitaker's Derby challenger, his four-for-four colt, My Request, winner of both divisions of the Experimental Handicap and last Saturday's Wood. My Request has now earned \$160,825 which, added to Requested's purses of \$116,595, makes a very good return on the original investment of \$1,300 paid for Requested at the Saratoga yearling sales. N.Y. Racing Assn. Photo.

## Thoroughbreds

### My Request, Best Horse Ben Whitaker Ever Owned; Helis Farm's Rippey Nips Gallorette's First Race By A Head

Joe H. Palmer

It had been expected here that the Wood Memorial would cut the Derby hopefuls in this area to two or three, but it cut the logical challengers to one, Ben Whitaker's four-for-four colt, My Request. Max Hirsch gave up on both Casparilla and Better Self, Sylvester Vietch decided that Mount Marcy wasn't seasoned enough for big time, and if anyone else was not cured, he isn't hopeful but merely obstinate. Salmagundi ran better than he did in the Experimental No. 2, but he needs to improve just about as much more before he goes after the top.

My Request, as I suppose everybody knows now, is a son of Requested, a very good horse which found more than middle distance beyond him. The opinion here, formed on the roof of the Pimlico grandstand, was that he had the Preakness safely won at the eighth-pole, but instead he barely lasted to get a dead heat with Sun Again for second place, Alsab sailing off from

the two of them. Requested also won the Wood, but he was a miserable fourteenth in the Derby. My Request is certain to improve on that, because there won't be fourteen starters this year, but I have still to be shown he can go over the ten furlong route.

Still, a minor apology is in order. Last year, after My Request had mopped up four or five stakes (he got five in all, placed in four more), Ben Whitaker said that he was "the best horse I ever owned." This bystander remarked, in print, that Whitakers must have short memories, and that My Request had a great deal to do before he could be ranked ahead of his sire. But he's done it now, and Mr. Whitaker was right in the first place.

He beat the Wood Memorial field with speed, pouring it on from the beginning, for though he did not lead all the way, he was pushing Better Self at what proved too hot a pace for the Bimelech colt. This

runs him to \$160,825, and since his sire won \$116,595, Mr. Whitaker has reason to celebrate the anniversary of the evening on which he bought Requested, at Saratoga for \$1,300.

I suppose Requested's success has another celebrant, too. The Xalapa Farm horses were dispersed in January of 1939, and Lewis Tutt, who had just got a small farm in Scott County and wanted to get in the Thoroughbred business, bought a couple of mares out of it, in foal. The first one to foal was Fair Perdita, and the foal was of course Requested. So Mr. Tutt had made a success of horse breeding from the beginning. This observer saw the colt as a yearling and wasn't much impressed. For that matter, neither was anyone else, or he wouldn't have sold for \$1,300.

It was very much a pleasure to see Gallorette back at the races, and apparently in good form, too. She ran in a six-furlong dash, just before the Wood, and she got off last. She made up the lost ground, threw a swirling run at her field in the upper stretch, and took the lead. If she'd had an earlier race, she'd have held it. As it was Rippey, from the Helis stable, beat her a head. The latter, a 5-year-old by Pompey, had raced a week earlier, and I think this was his margin of victory. Gallorette went out a mile, in 1:43, and of course has designs on the big handicaps later.

Ed Christmas, who trains the mare and cares no more for her than his right arm, didn't see the performance. He left earlier in the week with Escadru, after the latter had beaten Better Self in an overnight race on the Monday. Beating Better Self didn't look like quite so much of an achievement after the Wood as it did earlier in the week, but horsemen at Jamaica give Escadru some sort of a chance at Churchill Downs. This is, by the way, the first thrust at the Derby by Christmas; when Challeon went down to run for W. L. Brann, Lou Schaefer was handling the stable.

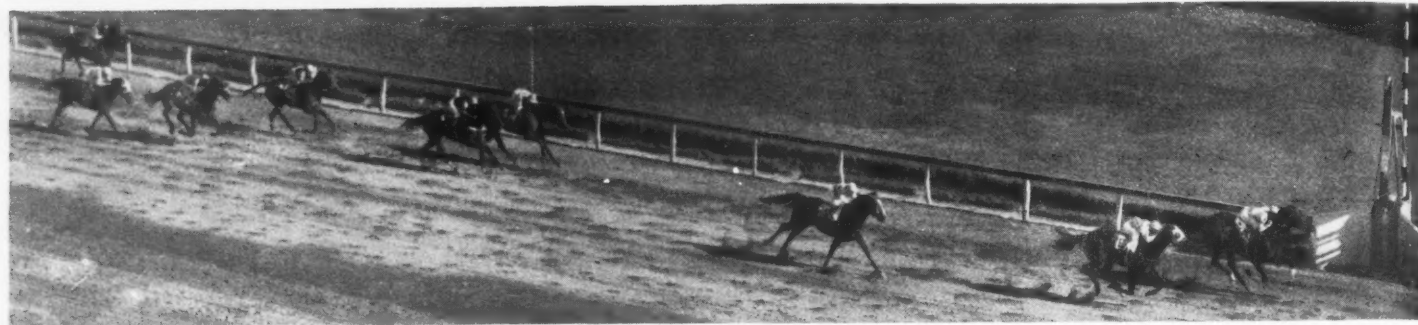
It was just a little surprising that Jamaica didn't draw quite as large a crowd for the Wood as it did for the Excelsior Handicap on the previous Saturday, the difference being about 2,000. Probably the weather was responsible, for though it didn't rain, it always looked as if it might, and Jamaica on a rainy day is not much. Even so the first four Saturdays have drawn an average of about 48,000, and even with some poor programs during the week attendance has held up well, running around 23,000 or 24,000. You'd think when you had half as many people you'd have twice as much room, but it doesn't work that way. I think the first 20,000 to come stand in the aisles, the later arrivals get crowded into the seats and onto the

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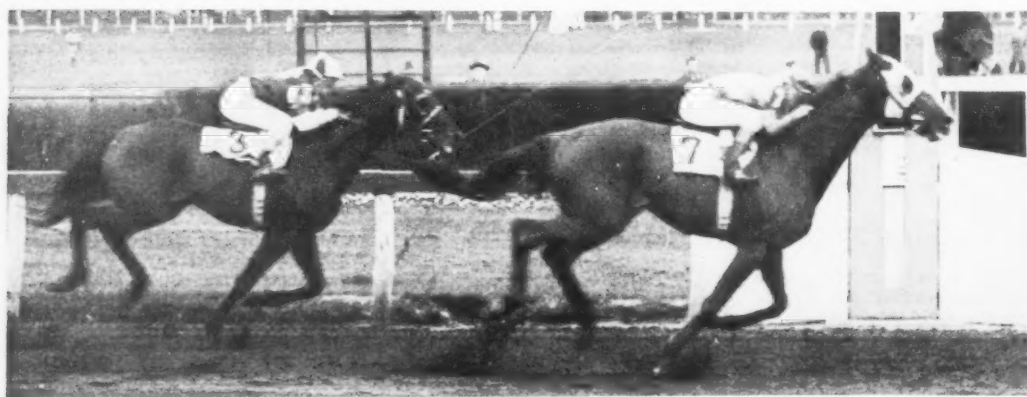
# My Request Tops Wood Field



Ben Whitaker's My Request became a stronger Derby challenger by capturing the Wood. Pres. J. A. Morris presented the trophy to Trainer J. P. Conway and Jockey W. Dodson. N. Y. Racing Assn. Photo.



Mrs. Ethel Jacobs' leading money winner, Stymie, had his initial 1948 outing in the Excelsior Handicap but an upset occurred at the finish. Maine Chance Farm's ugly duckling, Knockdown, turned in another Santa Anita performance and won ahead of Double Jay and Stymie. N. Y. Racing Assn. Photo



Above: Maine Chance Farm won the Jamaica Cup for the 3rd time with Royal Blood, Jet Pilot and War Jeep having annexed it previously. Lower: An overnight handicap, The Market Wise, sent W. L. Brann's home-bred Escadru to the winner's circle ahead of the much publicized Better Self. N. Y. Racing Assn. Photos.

Above: Knockdown, F. Zufelt up. Lower: Escadru, A. Kirkland up. N. Y. Racing Assn. Photos.



# Horses Not Climate Make The Winners

Despite Gloomy Forebodings of Weather  
Wise Fans Horses Trained In Rainy  
Carolinas Hold Up Their End

Joe H. Palmer

It was a matter of general agreement that the horses which trained in Florida were going to have an edge during the early part of the season, because the weather had been bad in the Carolinas, and even at New Orleans.

So in the first stakes of the season, at Bowie, Repand from New Orleans scored from Incline, which had been racing in Florida. Then, on Jamaica's opening day, Better Self, which trained at Columbia, S. C. stood the Paumonok field on its head, and 2nd place went to Royai Governor, fresh up from Camden. After these came Lets Dance, Buzfuz, and Kitchen Police, all still trailing the fragrance of Hialeah's bougainvillee and flamingoes. Three of the other winners on Jamaica's opening day, Sir Blm, Mr. Ace, and Secnav, did their winter stint at Santa Anita. Florida accounted for a claiming race and one for maiden fillies.

The remaining event was won by J. S. Phipps' Gay Mood, a 2-year-old \*Mahmoud filly which was making her first start and was urged to this victory by Eddie Arcaro, Jamaica's favorite son. She is a handsome grey, with a face which is almost pure white, and she fixed her field in a very workmanlike fashion. One maiden filly race doesn't make a Matron winner, but Gay Mood looked very promising.

It was a matter of surprise in this corner when Max Hirsch decided to send Better Self against older horses in the Paumonok. His position, he said, was that he would rather run the colt there under 112 pounds than in the first Experimental, under 123. Even so, Better Self got none the best of it, because 'n the Paumonok he was giving two pounds to Buzfuz by the scale, and more to the others. Anyway, he not merely won; he never looked like losing. This was the first test of the "regular" season for any of the prominent 3-year-olds, and Better Self passed it with flying colors and a Running W. The two last year weren't successful.

In the second stakes of the meeting, My Request, from the Fair Grounds, and Riverlane, from the same track, ran one-two, with Florida third again. This isn't really supposed to prove anything, except that horses can be trained almost anywhere, if you can get them out at all.

One angle to this that I am literally afraid to leave out is that in the Paumonok a horse trained at Columbia beat one trained at Cam-

den, because these things are watched fervently by one Clarence Buxton, who manages the training grounds at Columbia. The same thing happened again on Saturday, in a race for 3-year-old maidens, when Maine Chance's Jet Black, a Columbia product, beat Jim Ryan's Covert Side.

Jet Black, which was making his first start, is a black colt by Balladier—Broomshot, and is thus a full brother to last season's good 3-year-old, Double Jay. Someway he got into the records as being purchased, at the 1946 Lexington Fall Sales, by Lester Manor Stable, but he wasn't. Boines and Tigani, who had bought Double Jay privately from the breeder, John W. Stanley, wanted this colt too, but so did Mrs. Elizabeth Graham. There is no use telling you how this came out, except that Mrs. Graham paid \$26,000 for the colt. He got \$2,600, or exactly ten per cent of this, in his first appearance, and though he won only by a neck, he was going away.

Mr. Stanley, it may be noted, did a rather fortunate thing in 1941. He offered Ed Janss, of California, a \$100 profit on a mare which Janss had just bought for \$600. The offer was accepted and the mare was Broomshot. Since Stanley sold Double Jay privately, as a yearling, for \$10,000, and got \$26,000 for his brother at auction, he is pretty well ahead on the deal, and she has had other foals—all winners—as well.

It went unnoted in the confusion at Jamaica on Saturday, April 3rd, but Jet Black was making his first start on his third birthday; he was foaled on April 3, 1945.

This department is slightly sensitive to birthdays, perhaps. Just a few days ago, a bright feminine voice, not identified, came over the telephone. Where was Whirlaway, these days? Whirlaway was at Calumet Farm, Lexington, Ky. "Thanks," said the voice, "I just wanted to send him a birthday card." Click, said the telephone.

Duly thought over, this seemed fair enough. Whirlaway wouldn't care much, but it was a nice thought that someone remembered. Whirlaway's birthday, as long as we're in this, is April 2, and for that matter My Request, which galloped off so cheerfully with the Experimental No. 1 & 2, was foaled on the same date. Maybe the greeting card people are overlooking a bet, though they don't miss many; so few birthday cards seem suitably designed for horses.

As for the Experimental, No. 1 about all I saw in it, aside from the winner, was Escadru, which ran well

# Small Field For Derby

Le Comte de Brignac Takes A Walk  
On The Belmont Oval Finishes  
Strongly After Going the Distance

Bob Kelley

The prologue to the year's racing came to its close with The Wood Memorial the past Saturday where New York is concerned and, with the Kentucky Derby, comes to its close nationally with the running of that event at Churchill Downs. There have been no new and sensational horses appear. The headlines have been completely grabbed by the youngsters who used them the previous season.

## No Upset Expected

It seems unlikely—always a most dangerous word to use in racing—that the Derby will provide an upset this year. This chiefly for the reason that the field will apparently be smaller than it has been for a good many years.

## The Belmont

The next stage, leading up to the 80th running of The Belmont on June 12, now starts, or will as soon as the Derby is over. That may produce some new ones or a new one. But at the present time, it doesn't seem too likely.

## The Wood

The Wood ran almost entirely according to Hoyle, with the exception that Better Self apparently demonstrated his inability to go much beyond a mile. Ben Whitaker's My Request proved once and for all he is a fine colt, and that goes no matter what transpires in Kentucky.

toward the end and probably wants more distance. He moved with a rush on the turn, then ceased to gain, and was in fact passed in the stretch by Riverlan. However, I remember he did something of the sort in the Champagne last year. He went up fast in the upper stretch and drew clear, and then, just as he seemed about to win by himself, went under easily as Vulcan's Forge came on. He promptly proved, in a rather unlucky Remsen and a fairly easy Ardley, that distance suited him. So I should guess that he's a colt that has to be timed just right for his closing run. Assault was such a horse, as he nearly proved in the Preakness and proved rather conclusively in the Gallant Fox Handicap. If he was used too early, he had nothing left afterward. Escadru suggests much the same thing.

As for Riverlane, which was rushing down fast to be second, he was rushing under 106 pounds, which isn't so much of a trick. Task may be a little better than his fifth place suggested, but I'd suggest forgetting the others for a while.

## 3-Year-Old Races

For the races later on among the 3-year-olds, William Woodward's Whirling Fox may come back to the races and, by Saratoga time, Circle M's fine Relic may be back in running form. Here's hoping, for the loss of that one has put a real crimp in this class of racing. In the meantime, a bit of marking time will take place.

## French Visitor

An interesting visitor to these parts recently has been Count Francois de Brignac, Marcel Boussac's manager. This attractive French horseman demonstrated somewhat painfully to his accompanying hosts during a visit to Belmont the thoroughness with which his establishment goes into things.

## Walking The Course

Arriving at Belmont one morning with Jim Butle, in whose Gold Cup next October the French plan to run at least one, M. de Brignac expressed a desire to get the feel of the Belmont oval. Under the proud sponsorship of Neil Boyle, he stepped on to the track near the finish, walked a few paces and turned to ask if it would be all right to walk to the turn. Innocently his hosts followed and, when it was too late, discovered the Frenchman had every intention of walking all the way around. Then he entered the infield for a look at the jumps, for he has some field horses and is thinking of bringing some of his own here. He followed that up by touring the barns until he found a blacksmith at work, when he entered and spent a half hour discussing shoeing. They plan, at present, to fly their entry over and get him here only four or five days ahead of race time.

## Notes

Among other foreign visitors to New York tracks this spring have been a Dutchman and a Filipino racing official. . . . With United Nations meeting near at hand, the New York tracks have a steady flow of foreign visitors. . . . With the year's field at the post in Kentucky, Jamaica starts work on the 1949 crop of 3-year-olds the same afternoon with the first 2-year-old stake of 1948. . . . The Youthful, at 5 furlongs, had 144 nominations and should have a big field. . . . Jimmy Smith, who has been doing well with Maine Chance Farm horses, was asked by a newspaperman the other day what was the most important thing for a trainer to get horses to the races—"Patience, and then some more patience," he said. . . .

## TEN LEADING AMERICAN STAKES WINNERS

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REAPING REWARD ..... (May Reward 2, Star Reward, Fertile Lands)	4	85,225
REQUESTED ..... (My Request 3)	3	67,000
HEAD PLAY ..... (El Mono 2)	2	65,900
ZACAWEISTA ..... (Autocrat, Buzfuz, High Resolve)	3	54,200
SALERNO ..... (*O'haverry)	1	45,000
PILATE ..... (Miss Doreen, Dinner Hour)	2	41,970
MILKMAN ..... (Mrs. Rabbit)	1	41,000

### 10 LEADING BREEDERS OF STAKES WINNERS

	Races Won
Calumet Farm .....	8
Idle Hour Stock Farm..	4
B. F. Whitaker.....	4
J. McGrath (Erie).....	4
H. M. Woolfe.....	3
W. L. Jones, Jr.....	3
Brookmeade Stable.....	3
A. G. Vanderbilt .....	3
Coldstream Stud .....	3
A. J. Sackett .....	2

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	Races Won
Calumet Farm .....	8
B. F. Whitaker.....	4
Montrose Stable .....	4
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	Races Won
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# First Impressions of The Maryland Cup

A Turf Writer Goes To America's Greatest Amateur Classic and Finds Considerable Variety From His Former Racing Experiences

Tom Shehan

After witnessing my first running of the Maryland Hunt Cup I must say that I really believe it is probably the last purely sporting event of its kind remaining on the American sporting calendar. At least I can't think of another event quite like it. And as a sports enthusiast and sports writer I have ranged this country from coast to coast and from north to south.

Closest to it for sporting atmosphere of anything I have witnessed in recent years was the World's Championship Quarter Horse race which I saw two years ago at the Rillito track outside of Tucson, Arizona. And the purely sporting atmosphere of that event was somewhat tempered by the admission charged, the wagering and the fact that prior to the race the owners of the two favorites had agreed that regardless of who won that they would match their two horses the next Sunday for a wager of \$10,000 a side. I wasn't on hand for it, but the newspapers reported that the match was spoiled by the tricky and foul riding of one of the riders which earned him a punch on the jaw from his riding opponent and resulted in the judges declaring the race "no contest." That kind of an aftermath would even detract from a Maryland Hunt Cup.

Instead Mr. Bennett, the cold-blooded Carolina's rider who finished first, is reported to have thrown his arm around the shoulders of Mr. Smithwick, after his disqualification and said, "Never mind, they should put those flags where you can see them," or words to that effect. Yet Bennett must have been grievously disappointed at being disqualified for a rule infraction which contributed relatively little to his mare's race.

It was enlightening to a racing fan and scribe whose attendance has been limited altogether too much to the commercial tracks in recent years to see how little furore Carolina's disqualification caused. Yet I know that somebody must have wagered on her because I saw at least one bookie who operates at hunt meets and golf matches in the huge throng and I know that he doesn't come down to Maryland from New York for his health.

In the same vein I was interested in the fact that Big Mike's sulking after having been cast in the role of the pre-race favorite had no adverse effect on the crowd. Carolina's disqualification and Big Mike's sulking on top of it would have been enough to set off a riot in the Bogota style at several tracks I know.

The reason those incidents didn't excite anybody of course, was that

those who turned out for the Maryland Hunt Cup are for the most part, genuine racing fans familiar with racing rules. They realized that in order for a horse to win he or she must cover the course correctly. They also realized that there is just nothing you can do about a sulking horse, unless you bar him. That course would almost be mandatory on the officials at a commercial track, but hunt race meet goers are sporting enough to accept the fact that a Big Mike can refuse one week, win the next and refuse again the next.

Naturally, I was also interested in how much of a family affair Maryland Hunt Cup day is, even for the riders. My wife happened to be standing near one of the riders after the race and while she isn't the eavesdropping type she couldn't help but hear the conversation when some friends came up to greet him. They didn't seem to be very concerned with the fact that he had been spilled during the course of the four mile jaunt. What worried his friends more was whether or not his baby was sitting up yet, whether she was still feeding from the bottle and other more important information of that sort.

If I had to award a prize to the gentleman on hand who was dressed more spectacularly than anybody else I would have had to select the character who wore the mustard-colored Alpine hat, with a pink shirt, red tie, green garbadine suit and buff colored suede shoes. Furthermore, he had the courage to wear his Joseph-like raiment along with a fierce looking mustache which flowed out from each side of his face in handlebar style.

I've purposely left a discussion of the race itself to The Chronicle staff, but in closing I want to confess that in the Paddock before the race I made a mental note of three horses I thought looked capable of winning the race and one I nominated mentally as the least likely to succeed. My three selections, which might have been based somewhat on what talk I heard going on around me, were Big Mike, Hobo II, and Peter-ski. Carolina, the cold blooded mare who finished first only to be disqualified, was my least likely to succeed choice.

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## Thoroughbreds

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terrace. Anyway, it's always a problem to get around, even on the light days, which is perhaps to say that the crowds aren't handled very well.

Betting stays up, too, with three \$3,000,000 days already in the records, and I cannot see any signs of an immediate drop. The increased take-out in New Jersey may have something to do with it, because though there's still a three per cent advantage to the player in New Jersey, it doesn't look nearly as big as the five per cent advantage of last year. It looked like a rather silly step to hoist the take in Jersey, just as the Jersey tracks were definitely beginning to pull strongly from New York, but you know how legislators are. The higher take may have a bad effect later, but I suppose they figure that maybe they won't be legislators by then.

However, there's one bright side. The state, everywhere I know, hires lots and lots of pari-mutuel inspectors, and pays them from the money taxed from racing. The inspectors do not have anything to do, of course, so they bet and the money goes back into racing.

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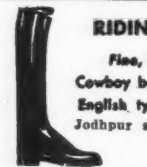
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# English Diary

**Old Berks Point-to-Point Draws Enthusiastic Crowd of Sportsmen Keen To See Amateur Sport Continue On Despite Restrictions**

Thomas Clyde

March and April are the months during which impoverished Hunt Committees look to the takings from their annual Point-to-Point to balance their books and possibly save the Master from digging deep into his own pocket. There will have to be quite a lot of personal digging this year to keep finances out of the red. The main source of revenue used to be the charge of £1 per car, and with fair weather, a well chosen date, and a natural course with a good view, people came from far and wide to enjoy a day in the country. The story is different now. Not even the members of the Hunt can officially take their cars to such a wasteful and unproductive pursuit of pleasure; as for the urban spectators, who contributed so much in the past, they must find their outdoor relaxation nearer home.

At the Old Berks Point-to-Point there were barely fifty cars and a like number of buses. But once beyond the car park, and through the gateway looking across the vale, the present restrictions were forgotten in the familiarity of a scene that had clearly refused to admit to changing conditions. The air smelt of trodden turf and the white marquees stood gay and defiant. Every man, woman, and boy over whose land hounds had hunted; subscribers young and old; and the local tradespeople, whose shops were shut for the afternoon, gave by their presence adequate testimony of the wish to support the Hunt, even if in this instance it meant a long walk or an uncomfortable ride in an overcrowded bus. The takings from the sale of race cards and a share in the profits from the improvised totalisator would partly compensate for the loss elsewhere, and there was that day strong rumour that the basic ration of petrol was to be returned in the summer, so that much comfort could be gained from the remarkable size of the attendance, which in the following year was likely to have the facility to reach a pre-war figure.

There were five races. The Farmers, Adjacent Hunts Ladies, The Open Nomination, The Subscribers, and The Adjacent Hunts. All were confined to horses that had been fairly hunted, and all were well filled. The flagged course lay at the bottom of the hill, with the start and finish adjacent to each other in a large field. The cut and laid brush fences were jumped twice to make a complete circuit of three and a half miles. Wisely, the Committee had made fences of a reasonable size, for there is no greater fallacy than to think that accidents can be avoided by reducing the size, when it is often this very fact that encourages horses to take chances.

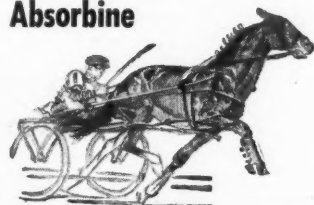
The highlights of the card were the Ladies race and the Open Nomination. Few Executives dare exclude the former from their programme. There is something about the spectacle of gallant ladies charging a series of obstacles which catches the imagination of the crowd and makes them press expectantly round the saddling enclosure. The business-like looking jockey, whose contours lacked any feminine appeal, was clearly an expert in these matters, and her mount started a hot favourite. There was also in the field her counterpart, whose charms gave no doubt as to her sex, but whose inexperience gave considerable doubts as to her jockeyship. The four riders mounted and were led through the crowd to the start. The tipsters who always abound at Point-to-Points, mainly because it costs them nothing to get on the course, were

doing a busy trade. Many of them have been going the rounds for years, and greet all-comers with a friendly 'morning milord' as if such a complimentary salutation is bound to ease the half-crown from the pocket. They generally tip the favourite, as form at these meetings is rarely upset, and so with the afternoon progressing they can gleefully shout 'What did I tell you—Ladies and Gentlemen.' The runners lined up, the self-appointed band of bogus servicemen stopped blaring its horrible music, pints of beer were hurriedly swallowed in the refreshment tent, the onlookers took their place on the side of the hill, and all eyes were on the colours that had merged into a blot of blue and yellow in the middle of the field below. Only the tipsters turned away to seek obscurity until the result of the race was known to be favourable. There were no dramatic incidents the first time round, no refusals or parting of company, and, as far as was heard at the nearby fences, no uncomplimentary language. This was undoubtedly to come later in the dressing room. Then it was seen that the favourite, who three fences from home began to draw away from the others, was not alone. She could not shake off Miss Inexperience who refused to be beaten so easily. They raced together over the one from last, round a flag, and into the remaining obstacle. The favourite was on the inside and gave no ground, but there was no indication that the outsider was beaten. They rose together, landed, and then with yells of encouragement fought out a desperate finish. Perhaps Gordon Richards wouldn't have demonstrated his whip so wildly nor steered such an erratic course, but then experience does tell, as it did in this case—by a short head.

It was very much the farmers day and rightly so, for without their co-operation hunting would be in a sorry state. A well-run hunt has few problems with the farmers, for both are complimentary to each other, and neither can do without what the other has to offer. Their race was open to anyone farming not less than fifty acres of land or puppy walkers who regularly had hunted during the season. The Open Nomination race produced a field of eight, in which the favourite showed the rest a very clean pair of heels, and demonstrated that the racing blood of the sire Joyous Greeting imparted the necessary class, even if there was another runner to contend with by Jackdaw of Rheims, sire of many fine jumpers in Ireland.

For all the rumours of Anti Blood Sports Bills in Parliament, for all the trials of keeping hunting alive, there is no lack of enthusiasm and no lack of support. All is well with 'this happy breed of men, this little world'. That is not complacency, but an assurance for those who may possibly have heard otherwise.

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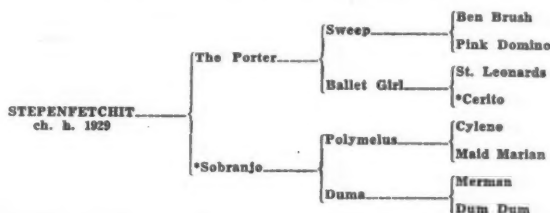
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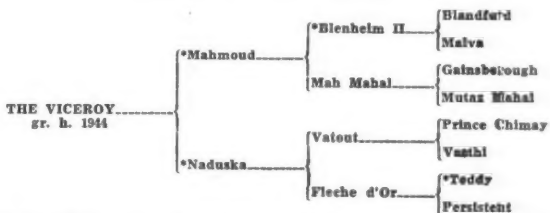
### STEPENFETCHIT



STEPENFETCHIT won the Latonia Derby, Dixie Handicap, also 2nd in Arlington Park Classic, Chesapeake, Belmont Park Juvenile, Pimlico Nursery, Garfield Stakes, Huron Handicap, 3rd in Kentucky Derby (field of 20), etc. He has sired the stakes winner Bullet Proof (The Delaware Park Maiden & Colt Race, Atlantic City Allowance Race, Laurel Spring Purse at 2; Lynwood Purse, beating Faultless, Chesapeake Stakes in record time on muddy track, at 3). Among his other winners are Dicty Step, Pat o'See, Royal Step, Hefetchit, Character Man, Great Step and many others.

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### PEDIGREE PATTERNS

The following is a suggestion to those few Thoroughbred breeders outside Kentucky who make a study of pedigrees. Make up a chart of the sixteen male ancestors of the fourth generation in such a way as to combine and blend the lines through such sires as Speculum and Vedette or the Ithuriel, Newminster and Orlando branches of the Touchstone family. So far we have done about 20 horses, all of whom were exceptionally successful as race performers, dividing the number, however, equally between the top sires and those who were failures at stud. With such a few examples, there can be no conclusions drawn but the results so far are most revealing in that the pedigree patterns of the successes are similar in many ways. Likewise a glance at the classic winners who were disappointments at stud, although high class race horses, tend to show an over-dosage or preponderance of certain male lines good only up to a point in concentration. To our way of thinking, the customary way of printing a five generation pedigree is more or less a jumble of "Famed Names in Horses" signifying little except to the most astute horse breeders, and there are not very many of those. Few people have taken the time and made the effort to penetrate into the unknown field of forecasting the success of a young sire at stud. If you have the time (it has taken us approximately three hours per example), we believe you will come across some unusual and outstanding results through a study of pedigrees in this manner.

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Although we are quite slow at it, we never resent the time it takes to analyze a problem. Eventually we arrive at some conclusion. At the present time we are working out the reason why a man named E. Koenig spent \$100 to change the name of the gelding Cuahutemoc to Talteca. It's beginning to look as though we'll need help on this one.

### ROYAL FLUSH

A short time back, Ten to Ace was the leading 2 and 3-year-old in Canada, capping a brilliant career by winning the King's Plate by 10 lengths for owner, breeder and trainer, Harry Giddings. He went on to further successes on the race track inspite of underpinning that could not withstand the excessive speed he had inherent, and was bred to four mares last year—all of which got in foal. This new venture has now established his future, a bright

one, at stud. He is owned by Mac Schwebel and stands at Nina and Arnold Scruton's farm at Warrenton at the modest fee of \$250 for live foal. The "Royal Flush" is in capable hands. Mr. Scruton started his career hunting hounds for the Chagrin Valley Hunt in Ohio. He turned to racing and rode for Mrs. C. V. Whitney and became the leading chasing jockey at the Belmont meeting in 1938. After which he commenced training.

### PROVEN PRACTISE

Back in the early 1930s, Ralph Kercheval, who took time off from the Whitney broodmare department each Fall to kick field goals for the Brooklyn Dodger football team, took us on a tour of the breeding farms in Fayette county. On one of these jaunts, we were driving out the Versailles Pike when he said, "Let's stop in here. This is an ex-trotting horse establishment which you will hear from one of these days soon because the owner, Warren Wright, is buying up all the best mares he can find". This was prior to the time Mr. Wright got started with Chance Play and Bostonian, or perhaps soon afterwards. Mr. Wright bought Chance Play from W. A. Harriman, also a trotting enthusiast, and Bostonian from Alec Gordon. The remark made by Ralph Kercheval is a reminder of the statement to be found on the front page of the Belair Stud yearling catalogues: "The success of any breeding establishment depends on the quality of its mares".

### TRIPLE CROWNS

This being the time of the season when one wonders if a Citation, Coaltown, My Request or Escadru is going to win the Triple Crown, thoughts are apt to go back to the champions of their years who accomplished the trick. Sir Barton was the first, followed later by Gallant Fox and his son, Omaha, then afterwards by War Admiral, Whirlaway, Count Fleet and Assault. In England the three classics have been run for 138 years and only fourteen colts have been able to win all of them. The list includes the very good sires, West Australian, Gladateur, \*Ormonde, Isinglass, Flying Fox, \*Rock Sand and Gainsborough, who accomplished the feat in 1918. Seventeen years elapsed before the Aga Khan's Bahram came along to take on all comers successfully. It is still too early to select his niche in the Hall of Fame for stallions, but it can be expected that \*Bahram will establish a line in South America much the same as did Tracery after the turn of the century.

### FRENCH IMPORTS

Turf devotees are watching with interest the handling of the recent French importations managed by Dmitri Djordjadze and Alain du Breil. The shipment consisted of six horses all of whom have been better than average racing tools in 1947 and so far this year. It is a well balanced group, being made up of such as Menetrier, the son of Fair Copy

who was considered to be the best sprinter in France last year, Budapest and Bir Ackein, middle distance horses, and the jumpers Rhyton and Diabolo de Goss, the latter a top hurdle performer. We believe it is the plan of the owners to start these Europeans immediately before they become subject to the ills of changes in diet and climate. Our best wishes are extended to the owners of these horses, but we have yet to see a horse who can hold his previous form after a few hundred miles of travel, whether by air, rail or boat. Best of luck, Messieurs.

### MR. FLAGG'S BROWN MAN

\*Brown Man II, one of the few South Americans to be standing at stud in the East, is a stallion who should get excellent race horses. He is at "Gene" Flagg's Old Glory Farm at Robesonla, Pa., a few miles west of Reading. He is a very smooth looking dark brown with lots of quality. The names in his pedigree are, like nearly all South American ones, unfamiliar to breeders on this continent. His sire, Poor Chap, was a high class begetter of race horses in Chile, as we recall. He is out of Juana La Loca by Eclair II—Azotea by Amphion, thus an outcross for American and English broodmares.

### 36 STARTS—31 WINS

One of the most outstanding records on the American turf was made by Hindoo, the son of Virgil and the Lexington mare, Florence. He was bred and owned by Daniel Swigert, later passing into the hands of the Dwyer brothers. In three years of competition, he won 31 races from 36 starts, nearly all of them being in stakes such as the Kentucky Derby, Travers, Clark and Jockey Club Stakes, then run for 2-year-olds. Once bookmakers refused to gamble on him, so good was he. This occurred in the Tremont Hotel Stakes, June 26th, 1880, at the old West Side Park, Chicago. As a 5-year-old he begot Hanover, the ancestor of Wise Counsellor, who was by far his best son at stud. As a matter of fact, it is very unusual for any horse to sire more than one son which creditably carries on the line. Furthermore, the established top sire lines are full of "name" horses which in their time were inconspic-

uous at stud but, eventually, could claim distant descendants of distinction.

### LOVELY NIGHT

Virginia's stallion ranks continue to grow, the latest addition being Lovely Night, the grey horse by Pilate-Snooze, by Peter Pan. Formerly owned by Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark he carried her colors to victory in the Amagansett Handicap, Cagliostro Hurdle Handicap, Shellelah Steeplechase and was 2nd in the Broad Hollow Steeplechase Handicap. He also won the Sultana and pig Blazes Handicap and 3 allowance races as a 2-year-old. He has been booked to 32 mares for the 1948 season and will come to Virginia in June. Purchased by Mrs. Marie A. Moore, Lovely Night will stand at her High Hope Farm near The Plains, Va.

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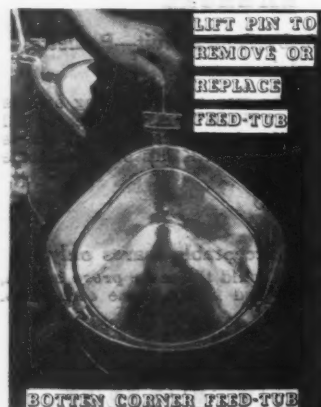
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## Peterski Wins The Maryland Hunt Cup

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A complete answer to whether people like timber racing is clearly indicated whenever Maryland Hunt Cup time rolls around. Race time is at 4:00 p. m. but before the sun is high at noon, cars are parked along the surrounding countryside on the estate of J. W. Y. Martin in Worthington Valley, Md., lunches are spread out and timber fans, riders and owners are walking the course.

Saturday, April 24 was the 1948 date and although the crowd appeared to be about the same as last year, the number is hard to determine as the spectators really scatter for the Hunt Cup. There are people who go year after year and stand at the 3rd and 13th jumps and to them, there is no other place to watch. Others have selected spots and return to them every 4th Saturday of April.

Timber entries have been larger this season as a whole than they have been for several years and they have been more representative of the hunting field than of the regular timber horses and particularly in Maryland, there have been more promising young riders. This held true for the 52nd running for the Maryland Hunt Cup as 9 went to the post out of the original field of 15. Spectators in the paddock far outnumbered the entries as the casual atmosphere which prevailed early in the afternoon changed to excitement at the approach of post time and caused everyone to take a last minute look at the horses before they paraded to the post.

The crowd scattered; patrol judges galloped to their allotted spots and the horses were lined up for Starters George Blakiston and George Bowdoin to send them off. There was no delay and the field was quickly on its way to the 1st jump with E. Q. McVitty's Peterski leading, followed by the 3-time winner this season, Mrs. G. Bliss Flaccus' Big Mike. Big Mike had Mr. J. Arthur in the saddle while his former rider, Mr. M. Smithwick rode Peterski, having drawn lots with Mr. Grover Stephens (Peterski's jockey at Middleburg Hunt Races) to determine the rider after W. B. Cocks' Sauntering was scratched. Taking the jump together were owner-rider Mr. Jay Secor on Bomber, winner of the Fox Hunter Challenge Cup at Butler on April 17; to his left, Henry Cadwalader's Carolina and Mr. John Hannum III on Mrs. W. Plunket Stewart's Hobo II which finished 2nd to Tino Wave at Middleburg. Next was Mrs. W. F. Cochran's Clifton's Dan. Mrs. DeWitt Sage's Curwick Tim and Stuart S.

Janney's Dusky Stranger.

Hobo II changed his tactics completely from laying off the pace to setting the pace with Big Mike, Bomber, Peterski, Clifton's Dan and Carolina following in that order. At the 3rd jump, Hobo II was still galloping on but Big Mike had moved up on even terms and they jumped together. Carolina was in 3rd position, Peterski with Bomber and Clifton's Dan jumping together. Big Mike was going well and really jumping and as they moved toward the 4th, he was on top, Hobo II behind him and Carolina holding her own. After the 5th jump, Big Mike opened quite a gap and continued running and jumping easily. Hobo II put in a bad one at the 6th, hit hard and took out a rail, causing the crowd to emit loud Ohs but he landed safely. Swinging left-handed toward the 7th jump, everyone was over and Big Mike had added several lengths to his lead with Hobo II and Carolina behind him.

Over the 8th jump, Big Mike went high but landed running, went on over the 9th then started swinging left-handed toward the 10th and trouble. Too close to leave was the stable where he had been staying and he literally threw on his brakes, paying no attention as the field galloped by him leaving Mr. Arthur staring after the horses instead of setting the pace.

Mr. Hannum kept Hobo II on top and Mr. E. Bennett stayed right behind him on Carolina. Over the 12th jump, Carolina hit hard and another rail was out but the mare did not break her stride nor did it seem that Mr. Bennett suffered any ill effects as they went winging toward the 13th behind the strongly running Hobo II. Getting in close at the 13th, Hobo II's head was low and his hind legs high as he landed, losing Mr. Hannum and turning over the lead to Carolina.

This moved Darkofthemoon and Peterski up with Bomber and Clifton's Dan going well on the inside. The 15th jump loomed up and the field was over with the exception of Mr. D. B. Brewster, Jr. and Curwick Tim, this year's winner of My Lady's Manor. Curwick Tim fell and while Mr. Brewster remounted, it was only for the ride back to the paddock.

Carolina's pedigree is unknown but somewhere along the line there must have been a jumper. The mare had not relinquished her lead from the 13th jump and over the 17th she was still setting the pace with Peterski, Darkofthemoon, Bomber and Clifton's Dan with Dusky Stran-



The first stallion ever to win The Maryland Hunt Cup. E.Q. McVitty's Peterski with Mr. Michael Smithwick up. Morgan Photo.

ger following. At the 18th Clifton's Dan lost his rider, Mr. Walter Brewster but he quickly remounted and was back in the race. Here Mr. Bennett and Carolina ran into difficulty as they took the 8th jump on the inside course instead of the 18th jump on the outside course. This was not known generally to the crowd and the mare's backers began to help ride from the ground as they urged her toward the 4 remaining jumps.

She had no trouble with the res-

den to a driving finish ahead of Peterski as Darkofthemoon was next by a distance. Clifton's Dan and Dusky Stranger provided another driving finish as they raced across the finish with the decision going to Clifton's Dan. A badly tired Bomber completed the order of finish.

Everyone surged to the paddock to see the winning horse, rider, trainer and owner. The numbers were up on the board but the word

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The Stewart Cup was retired last year by Winton. The J.W.Y. Martins have placed into competition a new cup and Mrs. Martin presented it to Owner McVitty as Mr. Smithwick appeared to be more interested in it than in the camera. Darling Photo.

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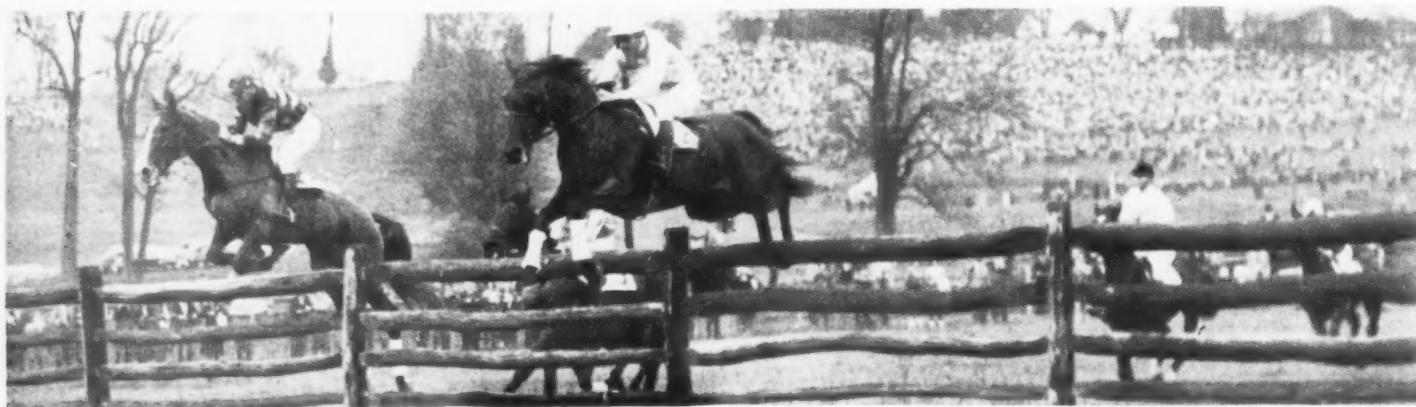
## 52nd Running of The Maryland Hunt Cup



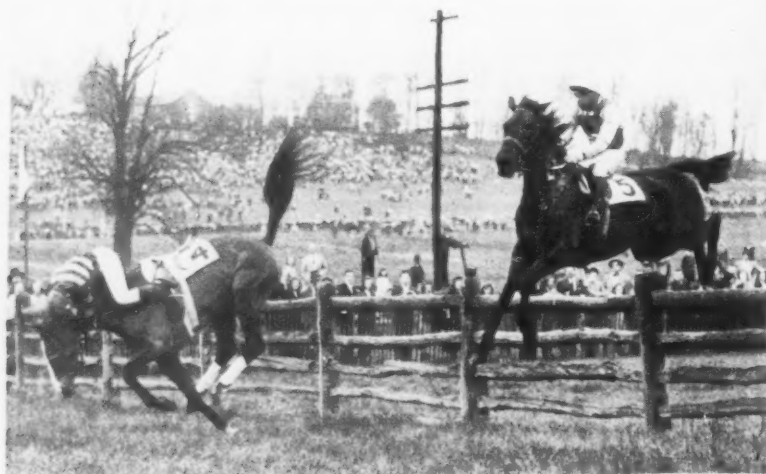
The 1st jump in The Maryland Hunt Cup with the eventual winner, Peterski and Mr. M. Smithwick landing in front. Left to right: Darkofthemoon, Mr. Cary Jackson up; owner-rider Mr. Jay Secor and Bomber (#10); Mr. J. Arthur and Big Mike (#2); directly behind Peterski, #5, Carolina and Mr. E. Bennett; far right, Mr. J. Hannum III on Hobo 2nd; Mr. Walter Brewster and Clifton's Dan and Mr. B.F. Griswold on Dusky Stranger. Darling Photo.



Hobo 2nd leads at the 2nd fence, followed by Bomber, Big Mike, Carolina, Peterski and Clifton's Dan. Morgan Photo.



Leading at the 3rd jump but failing to finish, left--Hobo 2nd and #2, Big Mike. Big Mike stopped after the 9th. Darling Photo.



Hobo 2nd and Mr. Hannum were out of the race at the 13th as Mr. Bennett and Carolina move in to set the pace. Darling Photo.



Mr. Smithwick sat deep on Peterski over the 17th as Carolina had gone on to the fateful 18th where she made a mistake and jumped the lower 8th jump, leaving the race to Peterski. Morgan Photo.



## Mid-West Hunter And Jumper Assn. Holds First Show

Nathalie M. Nafziger

The new green carpet of spring covered a hilltop at Round Hill Farm, Sunday afternoon, April 18, where the Mid-West Hunter and Jumper Association, Inc., Kansas City, Mo., held its initial schooling show. The beauty of the G. H. Bunting, Jr.'s farm was enjoyed by all. Classes were offered for many classifications of horses and riders. There were two children's horsemanship classes, Miss Frances Schmitz taking home the blue in the advanced in which jumping was required. A beginner jumper, for any rider who had never before entered a hunter or jumper event, was accepted enthusiastically. Miss Jeanette Dennis rode Crosby to take first place in this event. Crosby is a big Thoroughbred chestnut gelding without show ring experience, but often hunted by Jeanette's mother, Mrs. James M. Kemper. Incidentally, Crosby and Jeanette also won the working hunter trial over the outside course.

The knock-down-and-out was the most exciting event, with five horses going clean over the 4'-0" course through the center over brush, river gate, around the outside over white poles, gate with pole, striped poles and gate, finishing up through the center over stone wall and chicken coop. The jumps were raised to 4'-6" and four of these horses again went clean. The judges then raised the four outside jumps to 5'-0" asking the contestants who were jumping off to go twice around on the outside. Mrs. Carol Durand's mare Pepper T. was the victor after being the only one to clear the entire 5'-0" course.

Mid-West Hunter and Jumper Association members agreed that conformation would not be considered at this schooling show. Judging was done by three members of the association for each class. It was felt that the experience of judging would be educational to exhibitors and riders. All Horse Show personnel were members.

The M-W. H. J. A., Inc. plans to give schooling shows on the farms of its members about every two weeks this spring.

April 18

Green hunters—1. Speculation, Mrs. E. W. McGrade; 2. General Jerry, Dana Durand; 3. Fire God, Marion Mitchell; 4. Idiot's Delight, Gladys Zeiger.

Knock-down-and-out—1. Pepper T., Mrs. Dana Durand; 2. Apple Jack, Grove Porter; 3. Suburban Limited, Mrs. O. G. Bitler; 4. Thunderbird, Mrs. O. G. Bitler; 5. Star Cliff, Joe Mackey.

Beginner horsemanship—1. Grey Dawn, Nancy Lee Rosch; 2. Buck, Jan Gambrel.

Advanced horsemanship—1. Warrior, Frances Schmitz; 2. Petals, Patsy Mackey; 3. Crosby, Jeanette Dennis; 4. Preppies, Ellen Douglas.

Working hunter trial—1. Crosby, Jeanette Dennis; 2. Speculation, Mrs. E. W. McGrade; 3. Gold Nugget, Mrs. G. H. Bunting, Jr.; 4. The Plainsman, Frank E. Busch; 5. Romer J., Nathalie M. Nafziger.

Open jumpers—1. Apple Jack, Grove Porter;

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## Maryland Hunt Cup

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was passed around to all that Carolina had taken the wrong jump. As is usual, the jump in question was quoted at various places but finally the official report made it the 18th and No. 5 came down from the board and No. 12 was moved to the top. Owner-breeder E. Q. McVitty's Peterski is the only stallion to win the Maryland Hunt Cup. Mr. Smithwick was summoned and Mrs. J. W. Y. Martin presented the challenge cup which was given by the Martins to replace the cup retired by Stuart S. Janney and Winton last year. Mr. Cadwalader's winner had joined two other near winners, The Squire and Oracle II, both disqualified after completing the course.

Much has been written about Peterski and it can all add up to nothing but the fact that he is an unusual horse. He began his hunt meeting career in 1946 at My Lady's Manor where he was an also ran, but his next outing, The Maryland Hunt Cup found him 3rd behind Winton and Count Stefan. Then it was 2 straight for the Radnor Hunt Cup and the Gloucester Fox Hunters Plate. He did not face the starter in 1947 and had his initial outing at Middleburg on April 17. Following his Maryland Hunt Cup performance, immediate plans were to point him for the coming Radnor meeting in an effort to gain a 2nd leg on the trophy. These plans have been abandoned and he has been retired to stud at Trainer W. B. Cocks' Hermitage Farm, Unionville, Pa.

With no public address system on the grounds, many people went home thinking that Carolina had captured the Cup until the Sunday papers brought them up to date.

### SUMMARIES

THE 52nd ANNUAL RACE FOR THE MARYLAND HUNT CUP AND THE FIRST RACE FOR THE MARTIN CHALLENGE CUP, 4 miles over timber, 4 & up. Amateur riders holding certificates from the N. S. & H. A. or those eligible for the same. Winner: b. g., 12B, by Peter-Wreck—Sauge, by Chouberski. Breeder: Edward Q. McVitty. Trainer: W. B. Cocks. Time: 8:57 1-5.

1. Carolina. (Disqualified). (Henry Cadwalader), 155. Mr. E. Bennett. (4/10/48, Mid., timber, 4th.)

2. Peterski. (E. Q. McVitty), 165. Mr. M. Smithwick. (4/10/48, Mid., timber, 3rd.)

3. Darkothemoon. (H. L. Straus), 155. Mr. Cary Jackson. (4/17/48, G. N., timber, 3rd.)

4. Clifton's Dan. (W. F. Cochran, Jr.), 155. Mr. Walter Brewster. (4/17/48, G. N., timber, 5th.)

5. Dusky Stranger. (Stuart S. Janney), 155. Mr. B. H. Griswold, 3rd. (4/18/42, Her., timber, 3rd.)

6. Bomber. (J. Secor), 155. Mr. Jay Secor. (4/17/48, G. N., timber, 1st.)

Big Mike. (Mrs. G. B. Flaccus), 165. Mr. J. Arthur. (4/17/48, G. N., timber, 1st.)

Hobo 2nd. (Mrs. W. P. Stuart), 165. Mr. John B. Hannum, 3rd. (4/10/48, Mid., timber, 2nd.)

Curwick Tim. (Mrs. DeWitt Sage), 165. Mr. D. B. Brewster, Jr. (4/17/48, G. N., timber, lost rider.)

Peterski stayed well up on the pace and was not pushed after Carolina cut 18th jump. Darkothemoon showed an even effort but could not come up with leaders. Clifton's Dan made good recovery after losing rider at 18th.

Dusky Stranger went well but did not have enough speed. Bomber up early but tired. Big Mike stopped after 9th. Hobo 2nd lost rider at 13th. Curwick Tim fell at 15th. Scratched: Houseman, Tino Wave, Clifton's Duke, Big Severn, Sauntering, Saw Buck.

2. Suburban Limited, Mrs. O. G. Bitler; 3. The Plainsman, Frank E. Busch; 4. Thunderbird, Mrs. O. G. Bitler; 5. Star Cliff, Joe Mackey.

Open hunters—1. The Plainsman, Frank E. Busch; 2. Laddie Boy, Joe Mackey; 3. Suburban Limited, Mrs. O. G. Bitler; 4. Roamer J., Nathalie M. Nafziger; 5. Jessie A., Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jardon.

Maiden jumpers—1. Fire God, Marion Mitchell; 2. Idiot's Delight, Gladys Zeiger; 3. Thunderbird, Mrs. O. G. Bitler; 4. Bradley, Sally Larkin; 5. Duz Duz II, Joe Mackey.

Jumpers, beginner riders—1. Crosby, Jeanette Dennis; 2. Speculation, Mrs. E. W. McGrade; 3. Petals, Patsy Mackey; 4. Warrior, Frances Schmitz.

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## University of Texas Canter Club Holds Show At Austin

### Virginia Virtue

The Canter Club of the University of Texas, presented its annual horse show at the Hobby Horse Stable, on the 18th of April in Austin, Texas. The program was refreshingly different from the usual school show, with a variety of events and keen competition for all. Our guest judge, Colonel Paul Febiger (ret.) found it a difficult task weeding out the ribbon winners in the numerous classes.

A novelty night gown race provided much fun and laughter for everyone! The cowboys, a popular campus organization, dressed in chaps and someros were the partners of the canter clubbers who were dressed in formal English habit. The cowboys sitting their English saddles as they do their stock saddles made quite an unusual picture!

The open jumping brought a blue to Cloud Sweep, with Pat Clements doing a real job of riding. The hunt course saw many nice rounds with an outstandingly nice one by a green horse, Valdino Ancho, big bay Thoroughbred, whose big gallop and fences were cross country joy. He was ably ridden by Pat Clements.

One of the best performances was made by a big quiet grey, Spitball, ridden most elegantly by diminutive Terry Jo Cocks. They made a good pair out on the course.

April 18

Preliminary equitation class—8 riders chosen out of 14, to compete in final equitation—Margaret Kelly; Linda Fee; Katy Lasater; Betty Tramwell; Mary Etta Beffa; Pat Clements; Jackie Anderson; Missy Kone.

Children's hunter (only non-university entries)—1. Valdino Ancho, Hobby Horse Stable; 2. Spit Ball, Hobby Horse Stable; 3. Fanfare, Hobby Horse Stable.

Musical stalls—1. Betty Tramwell.

Handicap jumping—open to jumping students of Canter Club—1. Cloud Sweep, Hobby Horse Stable; 2. Spit Ball, Hobby Horse Stable.

Pair class—1. Copy Cat, Jane Orr; Pink Lady, Betty Tramwell; 2. Air Mail, Mary Etta Beffa; Dear Me, Jackie Anderson; 3. Corn

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# Pacific Coast Polo Championship

San Mateo Emerges Victorious In Final Tilt With San Antonio With Pedley Starring For Victors

Tom Pilcher

The final of the Pacific Coast Championship Polo Tournament was played on Sunday afternoon April 18, at the old Riviera Club polo grounds, before an enthusiastic crowd of 3,000 spectators. The trophy for this event is the oldest on the Pacific Coast, originally being donated by the Coronado Polo Club of San Diego in 1909. San Mateo faced San Antonio, the former emerging winners, after a nip and tuck game, by 10 goals to 9. The Texas quartet were beautifully mounted in contrast to the Coast team, who with the exception of George Pope, were very much "a foot", Bob Smith played beautifully, and was probably as good as any player on the field. Peter Perkins as usual showed a lot of class, in spite of indifferent mounts. Eric Pedley played well, very well, and George Pope was a very efficient number one, and brought off two brilliant goals, that remained one of Pedley at his best. For the losers, Cecil Smith was the spark plug of his team, but seemed to slow up towards the end of the game. Roy Barry was very consistent at his position of back, and Stark and Sherrin were always a good offensive combination. The umpiring was hardly in keeping with the speed of high goal polo, in the sense that fouls were called, which were trivial and slowed up the game.

The opening chukker found Bob Smith picking up the ball and scoring for San Mateo. A foul was called against them, but Cecil Smith failed to take advantage of it, another one was called against San Antonio, and Perkins scored brilliantly, on the throw-in. Pope got away with ball, but was intercepted by Barry, a foul was called against San Mateo, which Cecil easily converted, Barry scores again for the Texas boys, by taking the ball in short dribbles to the opposing goal, again they score from a nice piece of passing by Sherrin to Barry, Cecil Smith tries the play, but is carried out of position by Perkins.

The second chukker finds Pope taking the ball but Cecil Smith breaks up the play, a foul is called, the umpires disagree, and the referee awards it against San Antonio. Perkins takes the shot, which is saved by Cecil Smith, and he takes the ball into the San Mateo territory, but is intercepted by Pedley, who turns the play and a foul is called in favor of San Antonio, and Cecil Smith scores an easy shot. He repeats again from the throw-in, and a foul is blown against San Mateo, but the goal is saved by Perkins, play is halted as Bob Smith receives a hard blow on the knee, he quickly recovers, and Sherrin tries for goal, but Perkins again successfully defends, and a foul is called, the umpires disagree, and it is not allowed, the score now reading, San Antonio 5, San Mateo 2.

The third chukker, opens with Bob Smith passing the ball to Pope, who gets loose and scores easily, Stark repeats the performance for San Antonio, on a pass from Cecil Smith, the game is now going at speed up and down the field, a foul against San Antonio gives Bob Smith the chance to score again. Pope now sneaks away with the ball, is collared by Cecil Smith, however he manages to put the ball between the up-rights, he tries to repeat the play on the throw-in, but is stopped by Barry, and at the half time whistle,

the score board reads, San Antonio 6-San Mateo 5.

The second half, finds San Antonio on the attack, a foul is called and Cecil Smith takes the penalty shot, but Perkins is there to intercept it and with some nice team play passes the ball to Pedley who scores with a difficult angle shot.

Roy Barry gets the ball on the throw-in, but loses it to Pedley who passes it to Bob Smith, and he by some clever play, puts it under Pedley's mallet to score again, tying up the game at 8 goals to 8.

The fifth chukker is marked by repeated attacks by San Mateo, with Sherrin and Barry breaking up the plays, Barry takes the ball the length of the field to Sherrin who scores from an angle, and he repeats the play and passes to Stark who adds another one for San Antonio. Bob Smith now takes over and with easy short shots, passes the ball to Pope, who hits a long lofting shot to score.

The final chukker is an all out desperate game, with neither side giving any quarter, San Antonio attacks, but Perkins and Pedley reverse the play, and a foul is called, which gives Bob Smith the opportunity to score again, Cecil Smith takes the ball away on the throw-in, but is prevented from scoring by Perkins, who pass the ball to Pedley, who in turn passes it to Pope who fails to score, this was a brilliant bit of polo, a foul is now called against San Antonio, and Bob Smith clinches the game for his team with a brilliant goal, and so ends a clean hard fought game, giving the cup to San Mateo 10 goals—San Antonio 9. Line-ups.

**San Mateo (10)**  
George Pope 2  
Eric Pedley 3  
Peter Perkins 1  
Bob Smith 4

**San Antonio (9)**  
Larry Sherrin 0  
Clarence Stark 3  
Cecil Smith 4  
Roy Barry 2  
Umpires—Tony Veen and William Branch.  
Referee—Elmer Boeske.

## San Antonio Team Outplays Beverly Hills In Finals

Tom Pilcher

The finals of the Teddy Miller Memorial Cups were played at the Beverly Hills Polo Club on April 16, when San Antonio clashed with San Mateo, the former winning by 7 goals to 5. Cecil Smith scored 4 goals for the Texas quartet, and Bill Gilmore was top scorer with 3 goals for the losers.

**San Antonio (7)**  
Larry Sherrin 1  
L. Stimmel 1  
Cecil Smith 4  
Wayne Dallard 0

**San Mateo (5)**  
Bill Gilmore 3  
George Pope 1  
Eric Pedley 1  
Hershell Crites 0

San Antonio received 1 goal by handicap.  
Umpires—Alex Bullock and Carl Crawford.  
Referee—Neil McCarthy.

# Interest In Polo Revived In Arizona

Lewis Brothers Indoor Field Starts Renewed Interest As Two Tucson Teams Lead Off With Sunday Matches

Willard H. Porter

Last winter, for the first time since the war, a renewed interest in polo sprung up in the state of Arizona. The hub of activity centered around Tucson, with teams organized in Nogales, Phoenix and Prescott. Many smaller teams were formed by dude and cattle ranches, the best of these entering into competition against the larger quartets.

The Lewis brothers of Alliance, Ohio, and currently owners of La Estacada Ranch near Tucson, sparked interest in the sport last Fall when they built a small indoor size field at their ranch. The field is almost an exact replica of the Essex Troop Indoor Hall at West Orange, N. J. Its dimensions are 110 yards by 65 yards and it is boarded five feet high on an angle on all four sides. Bill and Merrick Lewis started playing each Sunday with local mallet men, and it wasn't long before two teams were formed in Tucson—La Estacada Club and Los Conquistadores team.

The former consisted of the Lewis brothers, Hugo Dalmar of Chicago and a sophomore at the University of Arizona, and Capt. Richard Briggs, well-known Army player who was rated at three goals in the East before the war. The Conquistadores fielded Neilson Brown, former U. of A. polo captain, John Donaldson, another former U. of A. polo captain, Pete Gillham, captain of Stanford University's polo squad in 1932 and 1933, and Cal Johnson, coach at a local private school.

Meanwhile, near the Mexican border at Nogales, two teams were brought into play—the Santa Cruz Polo Club and the "61" Ranch polo team. The S. C. P. C. worked under the name of Los Dorados and the players were Col. Gilbert Procter, who retired from the regular Army after 31 years to keep polo going in Santa Cruz County; Jesse Allen, a Nogales business man; Hubert Merryweather, owner of Rancho del Pavon near Nogales, and Tom Morgan, Jr., a new-comer to the game.

The "61" Ranch team fielded Joe Kane, a hard-riding cowboy and rancher; Tommy Bell, owner of the old "61" Ranch; Larry Walton, a former five-goal man in the East, and J. F. Johnson, who had a two-goal handicap before the war.

The team at Arizona's capital city was known as the Phoenix Polo Club. Members were Dr. S. I. Bloomhardt, well-known physician and sportsman of Phoenix; Greg Hathaway, son of Senator Will Hathaway of Santa Cruz County; Dave Wynne, formerly with the 7th Cavalry, and George Judson, Jr., at one time a U. of A. player and currently the Southwest singles tennis champion.

Another player who should be mentioned in speaking of the revival of polo is John K. Goodman, Master of Hounds of the Rillito Invitational Hunt at Tucson. Mr. Goodman worked hard last fall and winter, arranging matches and play all through southern Arizona. He has played on both Tucson teams and at the present time plays with the Conquistadores.

Throughout the Fall and winter months all these teams played a form of round-robin polo. Each team visited the other's home field several times and on Feb. 14 and 15, at Colonel Procter's "Pete Kitchen" Ranch field at Nogales, the first Arizona State Championship Tournament was held since before the war. The Estacada foursome won the tournament and was crowned champion. The team was invited by Al Parsells, captain of the Essex Troop Team, to come East and play in the Sherman Memorial Low Goal Indoor polo Championship Tournament at Squadron "A" Armory on March 12. Because of the distance involved, the team declined the invitation, but considered it quite an honor.

Polo is still being played in Arizona, but as the summer months approach those who can leave for cooler climes do so. Next year, however, the teams will again be organized for competition. From the interest stirred up this past season, next year should see polo on the top of the list of winter sports in Arizona.

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This is a story about the Johnson brothers—Collister, Bob and Ben. They're former Yale and Princeton captains.

The Johnsons will play anywhere, anytime. Only hitch is that you have to contact them through Andy Curtin. An average week during the past indoor season which closed April 17 went like this for the Johnsons who rode weekly on Fridays at the Morristown, N. J., armory as Jockey Hollow.

"Andy," Al Parsells would say. "A couple of my boys are laid up. Howz' about shipping the Johnsons?"

Now before Curtin rounded up the Johnsons you could almost count the answer would be yes. Lyman T. Whitehead, Jr., Billy Rand and Joe Olmsted of Squadron A says the Johnson boys always dressed up a polo doubleheader.

"Polo fans like to see that old hustle," Messers. Whitehead, Rand and Olmsted say. "Those Johnson boys ride like they're still riding for the Bulldog and Tiger."

That's the way it should be in any sport. Competitive spirit and—the Johnsons are synonymous. It's a game all the way when they're riding. They can be done several goals but the Johnsons are never counted out.

The 1947-48 season was not a successful one for the Johnson brothers on a win and loss basis. Jockey Hollow lost more than its share of games but the Johnsons always won the fans over in the end with their hustle and bustle.

It was only fitting therefore that they end the season in some kind of glory. Jockey Hollow defeated the Squadron A Regulars 13 to 11 in the final game of the year at Squadron A.

It was a masterful game that Col-

lister, Bob and Ben played. It was their finest performance of the season.

The Squadron A Regulars were put out in defeat but didn't begrudge the Johnsons the victory.

"If we had to lose over again we would rather lose to them," the Regulars (Paul Miller, Rand and Walter Nicholls) agreed.

It seems that losing to the Johnsons is great sport. When Jockey Hollow was beaten it was a great win for the opposition.

The Jockey Hollow-Squadron A game was tied up five times in the second half at six, seven, eight, 10 and 11 all. A No. 1 penalty shot called against Nicholls by Referee Henry Untermeyer with two minutes left in the last period snapped the 11-11 tie. Ben Johnson added another for good measure seconds later.

Squadron A, the Regulars that is, finished a highly successful year. In 15 games it lost but two. Thirteen of the victories were won in succession before Red Bank snapped the streak in March.

In the first game of the final doubleheader, Walter Devereux, Charley Bernuth and Joe Olmsted, riding as the Ex-Members hung a 11 to 9 beating on a Squadron A trio built around Luke Travis, Whitehead and Tommy Long. It was a challenge match. The Ex-Members, a nifty four-goal side, was the mas-

ter of the Eastern champion in the National Sherman Memorial tournament.

The lineups:

**Ex-Members (11)**

No. 1 Walter Devereux

No. 2 Charley Bernuth

Back Joe Olmsted

**Squadron A (9)**

No. 1 Luke Travis

No. 2 Lyman T. Whitehead, Jr.

Back Tom Long

Score by chukkers:

Ex-Members 4 1 5 1—11  
Squadron A 1 3 1 4—9

Goals—Devereux 4, Bernuth 3, Olmsted 3, by Handicap 1. Luke Travis 5, Whitehead 3, Long 1.

Referee—Walter Scanlon.

**Jockey Hollow (13)**

No. 1 Collister Johnson

No. 2 Bob Johnson

Back Ben Johnson

**Squadron A Regulars (11)**

No. 1 Paul Miller

No. 2 Billy Rand

Back Walter Nicholls

Score by chukkers:

Jockey Hollow 5 1 2 5—13  
Squadron A 2 2 4 3—11

Goals—C. Johnson 5, Ben Johnson 3, Bob Johnson 1, by penalty No. 1, 1, by pony 1, by handicap 2. Miller 5, Rand 2, Nicholls 4.

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A great sporting event for junior riders is the Cavalry Hunt Meet at McDonogh, Md. Junior timber enthusiasts turn out in force and the riders of the future turn in top performances. Upper right, Mr. M. Smith receives the trophy for the winning effort on the McDonogh School-owned Exit which accounted for the 1/2-mile flat race for horses other than Thoroughbreds. Upper left, Mr. Mike Lynch drives hard to win on McDonogh School's Miss Pepper ahead of Jolie and Mr. Walter Brooks in the 3/8-mile flat race for ponies not exceeding 14.2. (Bagley Photos)



A good hunter trial combination is Miss Nancy Kelly and her Maryland Miss. They are pictured during the recent Potomac Hunt Hunter Trials. (Darling Photo)

The Renfrew Farms Junior Hunter Trials were held April 17 and the Pennsylvania Juniors were good. Miss Nancy Campion and Chiquita are pictured over timber. (Freudy Photo)



Lakeside School at Seattle, Wash., held its gymkhana on April 4. Among the entries was Misses Ann and Barbara Henry's Thoroughbred Rickie, shown by Miss Marylee Lambert. (Malony Photo)

Sitting deep over the aiken at the Aiken Horse Show was Pete Bostwick, Jr. who won the children's hunter class. He was also 2nd behind brother Jimmy in the horsemanship class. (Freudy Photo)

## Parade of Sportsmen



Rider Mr. C. W. Brown, (left) and owner E. T. H. Talmage, Jr. (Morgan Photo)



The Samuel Frys from Penna. and sons Howard (left) and Thomas (right). Mr. Fry's Identiroon and Joaljoy were winners at the Virginia Gold Cup meeting. (Morgan Photo)



Camden's Harry Kirkover, who takes time out from the two spring race meetings to raise champion dogs. (Morgan Photo)



N. S. & H. A. Steward Earl S. Potter (left) and Honorary Steward A. S. Craven. (Morgan Photo)



Representing Ligonier, Penna. at the Middleburg Hunt meeting, (l. to r.): Mrs. L. McKay, the Leonard Bughmans and the Samuel Offs. (Darling Photo)



Harkaway Hunter Trials' spectators, Brig. Gen. John C. McDonnell and Mrs. J. W. Sinclair. (Darling Photo)



Infield Director Cyril R. Harrison (left) and Alan Case at Camden, S. C. (Morgan Photo)



Watching the Middleburg Hunt races and taking a postman's holiday was Publicity Director from Delaware Park, Al Fahey with Mrs. Gil Haus and Mrs. Fahey. (Darling Photo)



Trainer Sidney Watters, Jr. and owner R. K. Mellon between races at Camden, S.C. (Morgan Photo)



# In the Country



## MR. HIGGINSON'S 72nd BIRTHDAY

A. Henry Higginson recently celebrated his 72nd birthday at his South Dorset home in England. A prolific writer of sporting books, Mr. Higginson has been one of the most active foxhunters on either side of the Atlantic during his long career, as well as being one of the most articulate and literary. He was 17 years President of the American Masters of Foxhounds Association, chairman of the hunts committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association and over 50 years a Master who hunted his own hounds on both sides of the ocean. His latest book to be published was done by Collins of London and is called *Two Centuries of Foxhunting*. Two new manuscripts are with the publishers now, a book entitled *Foxhunting, Theory and Practice* with a foreword by the Duke of Beaufort and Mr. Higginson's own *Autobiography*. He once did a book on Peter Beckford and oddly enough his own sporting career has much in common with the sporting and hunting sage of the 18th century whose book on hunting is still the bible of all masters and huntsmen.

## SOME HEAVYWEIGHT

At lunch in the Elkridge-Harford clubhouse before the My Lady's Manor meeting, Mr. Charlie Reeves was chuckling mightily over an entry he had noticed among those received for the first race. The horse had probably never started before; the rider almost certainly hadn't. On the entry blank appeared the horse's name, age, color, sex and breeding, all in good order. In the column listed for "Weight" the person filling out the entry blank had solemnly written: "About 1100 pounds."

—H. C.

## FIRST RACE A WIN

Trainer Tom Hyland seemed mightily pleased over the handy win of his charge, Prolepsis, in the Street Memorial in the Manor, April 10. "He belongs to Mr. Fruehauf, of Detroit," he explained afterward, "and we showed him a little under the name of Tradition. I thought the owner was going to sell him, but he phoned me this winter and asked if I could make a racer of him. I said I thought so—and here we are." A bay gelding, only nine, Prolepsis is by Chicstraw, a son of \*Chicle, and is out of Zoana by Zeus out of Santna by \*The Curragh. He is worth watching.—H. C.

## SHOW RING NOTE

Word comes that Betty Bosley will have a busy summer season this year, showing the sizable string of Richard Melibn's campaigners from Devon onwards. Five, including Pappy, are veterans and there is quite a group of green horses coming on. Betty has a special eye on Speakeasy. Her own gray Count Stefan may go to the brush races next fall, though she plans to show him for awhile in the summer first.

—H. C.

## GREMLINS AT WORK?

Bad luck seems to have been perching on Henry Cadwalader's shoulder for an unusually long spell—ever since a ground gust caught his parachute at Fort Benning during war days and slammed him into the nearest hospital with a broken hip and ankle. Army medics put him together, decided they had done it wrong, broke him up and put him together again, which added up to two years in hospital. A civilian at last, he started training his mare, Carolina, in the spring of 1947. After a nice third at the Radnor meeting

he got a fall at Rose Tree—and another broken leg. This year, all was going well until his stud groom collapsed with a heart attack. Henry took over the breeding of Modest Lad, booked to a few Pennsylvania mares, and promptly found himself with two broken fingers when the stallion snatched his head up abruptly. Coming home from the hospital where his hand was set, the unlucky Mr. Cadwalader was rammed by a truck—damage to the car: \$200. Then came Hunt Cup day, and to give the final touch, Carolina won but cut a flag and drew a disqualification! Next year, Lady Luck should smile. It seems about time.

—M. H. C.

## TAKE IT WITH YOU

As one walked toward the paddock before the race at the Hunt Cup, one enterprising newsboy was yelling, "Read it now, sit on it later or hold it over your head if it rains. Take it home, wrap up packages or burn it. Where could you get this much for 5 cents?" Judging by the blanket of papers covering Snow Hill after the race, this newsboy tycoon was learning how to win friends and influence people, fast.

## ALONG THE RAIL

The melting pot of the timber enthusiasts in The Maryland Hunt Cup. Cars with out of state tags are well up in number with the Maryland ones. Mr. and Mrs. G. Bliss Flaccus flew in from Phoenix, Arizona to see Big Mike run, hoping he would show his Grand National Point-to-Point form rather than his Middeburg one. The same old trouble developed and he stopped after the 9th.... Peterski the only stallion ever to win was also the only horse in the race who had a rider in the saddle and a rider on ground. Trainer W. B. Cocks had 3 entries, Big Mike, Peterski and Sauntering with Messrs. J. Arthur, M. Smithwick and G. Stephens as riders. Sauntering fell at the Grand National and she had to be scratched, leaving 2 horses and 3 riders. Mr. Arthur was to ride Big Mike so Mike and Grover drew lots to determine Peterski's rider; Mike won.... Dusky Stranger had Mr. B. H. Griswold III in the saddle but Owner Stuart S. Janney, Jr. was riding his heart out on the ground. As a 4-time winner of The Cup, 3 times on his Winton and once on Hotspur 2nd, he knew the course all the way didn't see any part of this race but Dusky Stranger.... Mike Smithwick was a busy one before the race trying to make the weight. He was off and on the scales and finally accumulated enough to make 165 lbs. Maryland past performances are familiar items to Horse Show Manager Ned King. As he walked out of the paddock he remarked the first Maryland Hunt Cup he saw was in 1904 when Mr. Redmond C. Stewart was an owner-rider-winner on his Landslide.

## OPTIMIST'S CLUB

In lieu of the recent Chicago ruling to bar any horse racing in Illinois who is over 12, it is interesting to find J. F. Herrera of Cuba with an 11-year-old who raced 61 times last year. It seems that Mr. Herrera is something of an optimist as his horse, Bubbleworth, a bay gelding by Bubbling Over—Lady Ellsworth by Underfire was unplaced 47 times, won 3 times and earned \$1,155 for

his trouble. One would say Bubbleworth whose name is the type Alfred Vanderbilt objects to in his racing story in the current issue of *Vogue*, was earning his oats the hard way. He would not be welcome in Chicago under the present ruling.

## LUCKY 3rd AND 18th.

Ben Griswold III whose Battery B fell at the 3rd fence in the Maryland last year had the ride on Mrs. de Witt Sage's Dusk Stranger this year. Before the race the relative size of fences was being discussed and the 3rd and 18th were as usual brought up. These formerly were the ones to get over but since the war the 6th and 16th have displaced them for the honor of being the hardest and the highest, to surmount. Mr. Griswold was heard to remark he was more impressed with the 3rd as it always kept him from having to jump the 6th.

## TURF AND FIELD CLUB

The Turf and Field Club annual meeting was held in New York on April 22nd. Henry Bull was re-elected president with J. Henry Alexandre, vice president, Frederic Stevens Allen, treasurer and W. Deering Howe honorary secretary. Miss W. Helen Eden was reappointed secretary. Mr. Alexandre was re-elected chairman of the executive committee with the other members also re-elected, Messrs. Stevens Allen, R. V. N. Gambrell, W. Goadby Loew and Harold E. Talbott. The Board of Governors of the Club consists of Messrs. Alexandre, Allen, Bull, Joseph E. Davis, Frank J. M. Dillon, Mr. Gambrell, Raymond Guest, Deering Howe, W. Goadby Loew, Rigan McKinney, Ogden Phipps, Whitney Stone, Harold Talbott, F. S. von Stade, J. H. Whitney, C. V. Whitney and George D. Widener.

## TWO GOOD PROSPECTS

The recent Radnor Hunt Point-to-Point meeting brought out two very fine timber horses John Strawbridge's Erin Russell and William J. Clothier's Pine Pep. Edward M. Cheston definitely expects to run Erin Russell at the Rose Tree Meeting. Many timber horse experts at the Radnor Point-to-Point stated that they thought that Mr. Clothier had another Henchman in the making. Some few years ago, just to fill up the entries for the Pickering Hunt Challenge Cup race, Mr. Clothier entered his favorite hunter, Henchman. To his great surprise and that of the crowd present, Henchman took command right from the start and won easily by several lengths. The next season, Henchman won several important races, rating that year as second only to Blockade, three time winner of the Maryland Hunt Cup. It is well to recall that in 1938, Man o'War was the sire of War Admiral, great stake flat horse, Battleship, winner at Aintree and Blockade, winner of the Maryland Cup.

## Chronicle Quiz Answers

1. An affliction of one or both hind legs of a horse, particularly noticeable at the walk. The leg is jerked upward considerably higher than normal. A horse may have string halt and still be serviceably sound, however.
2. Two miles.
3. The riding clothes worn by ladies. The term is usually associated with a side saddle habit.
4. A halter.
5. A hound owns a line when he gives tongue on the line or trail of a fox.
6. A famous horse sales stable in London.

## Great Aunt Amelia

by AIDAN ROARK

"I will make them sit up and take notice when I get home," remarked G. A. A. "You certainly will," I agreed. She had on a few bits of cloth which in Hollywood could pass for a respectable dress, but in Boston, Philadelphia, or Co. Carlow, would be worn under at least one layer of sane, serviceable material. "You don't like my get-up?" she inquired with an edge to her voice. "No," I said, with a much sharper edge. "This is a cocktail party I'm giving in your honor, not a circus. The guests are professors, polo players and their ladies, not the light-minded assortment one usually meets at such affairs." "I loathe cocktail parties," she snapped. "Everyone standing around looking hot, uncomfortable, and frightfully conscious of collars and girdles."



At that moment she looked out and chanced to see a fox stalking my prize ducks on the lawn. She grabbed my hunting horn, dashed out with the dogs, showed them the line and disappeared into a brushy canyon below the house. As the guests began arriving and for some time thereafter, sounds of the chase drifted up the hillside. When I called for refreshments my imported Irish cook informed me that Miss Amelia had the help below in the ravine for to help her dig out the fox. "Put white coats on the chauffeur and gardeners," I ordered. "I cannot," says Bridget, "hasn't she them all below and herself is down the hole with nothin' but her heels showin'." "God help us," I said. "Amen," said Bridget.

The polo crowd left early to attend an art exhibit, but the college group were still raising cane when G. A. A. appeared, holding a very lively fox by the scruff of the neck. She was an appalling sight, mud from head to foot. "Get rid of it," I snarled. He smiled wickedly. "All right," she said, and dropped the fox right in the middle of the living room. After that things became rather confused. I don't know whether the guests hunted the fox, or the fox hunted. She smiled wickedly. "All party broke up; that the living room still holds a breast high scent, that several guests are suing me, and that I may have to join a well known anonymous organization."

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Broadview

The Prairie Provinces of Canada for years breeders of good horses but known chiefly for their polo ponies in the past, are making impressive strides in improving hunters and jumpers. Horse shows of the west are increasing in numbers and excellence yearly and the Regina Winter Fair, Saskatchewan, held on March 30, 31 and April 1st was an outstanding success.

Performances classes had from 25 to 30 entries, conformation hunters classes averaged around 15 entries. The veteran Bouncing Buster owned by Lilla-Gord Stables was pinned jumper champion over his stable mate Paddy Bhooy. Col. Victor Sifton's stable invading from Winnipeg, Manitoba carried home their share of ribbons. Cootie, big rugged jumper hit his stride to account for 3 firsts.

A pair of old timers, Ernie Bell, 69 years of age and his Scotsman, many years an outstanding jumper, caused a great sensation with the crowd.

Saddle classes were in predominance and though the west has even more interest than eastern Canada in American saddle horses, a number of these classes were more for road hack and hunter hack types.

Mr. W. Martin, sheep rancher from Maple Creek, was an added attraction with his clever little sheep dogs. Mr. Martin is widely famed for his demonstrations with the Scottish collies and has performed as a feature at the National Horse Show, N. Y. and the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto.

Tuesday, March 30

Ladies' hunter—1. Gallant Maid, H. Lyone; 2. Paddy Bhooy, Lilla-Gord Stables; 3. Bouncing Buster, Lilla-Gord Stables; 4. Smokey, M. Cojocar; 5. Jealousy, Lilla-Gord Stables.

Open jumper performance—1. Cootie, Sifton Stables; 2. Paddy Bhooy, Lilla-Gord Stables; 3. Bouncing Buster, Lilla-Gord Stables; 4. Gallant Maid, Harry Lyone.

Knock-down-and-out — 1. Cootie, Sifton Stables; 2. Copper King, Sifton Stables; 3. Air Pilot, Dr. N. V. James; 4. Paddy Bhooy, Lilla-Gord Stables; 5. Smokey, M. Cojocar.

Wednesday, March 31

Pony class—1. Silver, Dr. H. M. Graham; 2. Snow Bird, Dr. N. V. James; 3. Jingle Bells, Dianne Cross; 4. Tiny Lady, Eileen J. Bowerman.

Lightweight hunter—1. Smokey, M. Cojocar; 2. Patrick Henry, Sifton Stables; 3. The Witch, Sifton Stables; 4. Aint Missbehavin, Lilla-Gord Stables; 5. Bouncing Buster, Lilla-Gord Stables.

Middle and heavyweight hunter—1. Cootie, Sifton Stables; 2. Misty Morn, Sifton Stables; 3. Garylad, Dr. H. M. Graham; 4. Paddy Bhooy, Lilla-Gord Stables.

Pair jumping—1. Bouncing Buster, Paddy Bhooy, Lilla-Gord Stables; 2. Gallant Maid, Jealousy, H. Lyone; 3. Trigger, Zipper, R. M. Argue; 4. Misty Morn; Copper King, Sifton Stables; 5. Garylad, Dr. H. M. Graham; Captain, Hal Cathers.

Jumping class, juniors—1. Trigger, R. M. Argue; 2. Air Pilot, Dr. N. V. James; 3. Smokey, M. Cojocar; 4. Garylad, Dr. H. M. Graham; 5. Tiny Bloom, G. A. Flett.

Horsemanship under 16—1. Elinor Sauer; 2. Rae Connell; 3. Shirley McIntyre; 4. Ginger Boy, G. Robertson.

Knock-down-and-out — 1. Bouncing Buster, Lilla-Gord Stables; 2. Garylad, Dr. H. M. Graham; 3. Jealousy, Lilla-Gord Stables; 4. Goldie, Kelvin Grove Farms; 5. Zipper, R. M. Argue.

Thursday, April 1

Open jumper performance—1. Paddy Bhooy, Lilla-Gord Stables; 2. Bouncing Buster, Lilla-Gord Stables; 3. Smokey, M. Cojocar.

Touch-and-out jumping—1. Paddy Bhooy, Lilla-Gord Stables; 2. Garylad, Dr. H. M.

## Bennett Awarded Major Honors Of Vassar Horse Show

Elaine T. Moore

The long awaited Vassar Horse Show finally took place on the pleasantly windy afternoon of Saturday, April 17th, at Greenvale Farms, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The three colleges competing were Vassar, Sarah Lawrence, and Bennett Junior College of Millbrook, N. Y. The Vassar students, who put the show on under the supervision of Roubout M. F. H. Homer Gray, evidently felt themselves ready for the contest, after having some schooling, in spite of the rain for days preceding the show. But after just a few minutes in the ring with the four Bennett riders on Jack Melville's horses, Vassar found that its preparedness was not as complete as it might have been, as Bennett rode off with the majority of the top honors, including the award for the champion rider of the show. Vassar College has not, in many a year, been able to emerge from this traditional battle victorious, but hope blooms eternal.

The most outstanding of the Vassar horses was Sis Hanes' Northern Light, who was awarded the Championship of the show. With Miss Hanes aboard, he won the working hunter class over the outside course, which was in quite good condition after its winter's rest, and with the two Shelden girls, they won the hunt team class, making an attractive team of browns with a nice performance. Second here was the Sarah Lawrence team on Mr. Gray's horses. Reserve to Northern Light was Bennett's Zoe Desloge on Capertown, who had the open jumper class and other good ribbons to his credit.

Horsemanship tricolors went to two of the four Bennett riders, meaning another reserve for Miss Desloge. The award for the top Vassar rider, the only trophy class of the show, went to Miss Barbara Pilliod, one of the thirty-odd Vassar riders, with a second in the horsemanship of jumps.

April 17

Intermediate horsemanship—1. Mary Louise Harvey; 2. Lois Davidson; 3. Phoebe Bertolet; 4. Flower Lester. All Vassar—no Bennett entries.

Intermediate horsemanship over jumps—1. Phoebe Bertolet; 2. Laura Sykes; 3. Beverly Brady; 4. Dana Gunn, Vassar.

Advanced horsemanship—1. Elaine Moore, Bennett; 2. Lucetta Crisp, Sarah Lawrence; 3. Jackie Bouvier, Vassar; 4. Peggy Talbott, S. L.

Open jumping, 3'-6"—1. Capertown, Zoe Desloge, Bennett; 2. Northern Light, Ornsby Hanes, Vassar; 3. Bill, Barbara Pilliod, Vassar; 4. Dunkirk, Dorothy Fred, V.

Road hack—1. Northern Light, Rosamond Lee, Vassar; 2. Peg, Peggy Talbott, S. L.; 3. Boye, Elaine Moore, Bennett; 4. Daisie, Beverly Brady, Vassar.

Pairs of hunters—1. Bennett: Yankee, Sally Gilpin; Duke, Sally Richardson; 2. Bennett: Capertown, Zoe Desloge; Boye, Elaine Moore; 3. Vassar: Northern Light, Ornsby Hanes; Smokey, Cary Shelden; 4. Sarah Lawrence: Penny, Peggy Talbott; Danny, Kate Williams.

Advanced horsemanship over jumps—1. Zoe

Graham; 3. Bouncing Buster, Lilla-Gord Stables; 4. Cootie, Sifton Stables; 5. Trigger, R. M. Argue.

Consolation class, hunters and jumpers—1. Air Pilot, Dr. N. V. James; 2. Trigger, R. M. Argue; 3. Miss Pat, Dianne Darke; 4. Col. White, Kelvin Grove Farms; 5. Grand Slam, Miss J. Iverson.

Jumper champion—Bouncing Buster, Lilla-Gord Stables. Reserve—Paddy Bhooy, Lilla-Gord Stables.

Judge: Mr. Gerald C. Rundle, London, Ont.

Desloge, B.; 2. Barbara Pilliod, Vassar; 3. Elaine Moore, B.; 4. Sally Richardson, B.

Working hunters, outside course—1. Northern Light, Ornsby Hanes, Vassar; 2. Boye, Elaine Moore, B.; 3. Capertown, Zoe Desloge, B.; 4. Duke, Sally Richardson, B.

Pairs of hacks—1. Bennett: Yankee, Sally Gilpin; Duke, Sally Richardson; 2. Bennett: Capertown, Zoe Desloge; Boye, Elaine Moore; 3. Vassar: Irish, J. Bouvier; Penny, Beverly Brady; 4. Vassar: Northern Light, Ornsby Hanes; Smokey, Cary Shelden.

Teams of 3 hunters—1. Vassar: Smokey, Cary Shelden; Northern Light, O. Hanes;

Slieve Bloom, Annette Shelden; 2. Sarah Lawrence: Irish, Peg Talbott; Dany, Kate Williams; Feathers, Lucetta Crisp; 3. Bennett: Duke, S. Richardson; Yankee, S. Gilpin; Capertown, Z. Desloge; 4. Vassar: Maryland, Dot Fred; The Baron, Louise Shultz; Peg, Polly Talbott.

Champion Vassar rider: B. Pilliod. Reserve—Jackie Bouvier.

Champion rider—Elaine Moore, B. Reserve—Zoe Desloge, Bennett.

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